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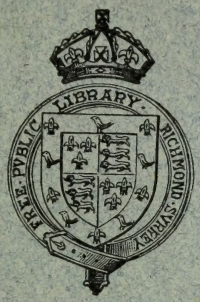
FOUNDED 

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COMMITTEE, 1881-82.

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DR SELLÉ

MR W. WOOTTON.

Librarian and Secretary:

MR. A. COTGREAVE.

* Since deceased, Mr. A. BREWIN being appointed in his stead.

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FIRST ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

RICHMOND FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

To the Chairman and Members of the Vestry of Richmond—

GENTLEMEN,

It affords the Committee much pleasure to report that the operations of the Library during the first nine months of its existence have exceeded their most sanguine anticipations.

FORMATION OF THE FREE LIBRARY.—Although the Vestry are aware of the circumstances which led to the establishment of the Library, the Committee think it right to record in the first Annual Report a brief history of the same. The formation of a Free Public Library in this town was first proposed in an editorial paragraph which appeared in the *Richmond and Twickenham Times* of the 9th November, 1878. A fortnight later a more extended article advocated the adoption of the Public Libraries' Act, 1855, and the later amending Acts. The Editor, Mr. E. KING, to whom the success of the movement has been chiefly due, appealed to the public, and having received many promises of support, a public meeting was held at the Castle Hotel on the 11th February, 1879, under the presidency of Mr. THOMAS CAVE, M.P. This meeting was largely attended and passed Resolutions in favour of the adoption of the Acts of Parliament. A second public meeting was held at the Masonic Hall, on 5th March following, Mr. G. PHILLIPS BEVAN, J.P., in the chair. It was announced at this meeting that Mr. KING had received promises of many valuable books and subscriptions amounting to upwards of £400. Resolutions were again passed in favour of a Free Public Library, and the requisition required by the Statute

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was sent to the Vestry calling for the votes of the Ratepayers. Voting papers were accordingly issued, and the result was announced at the meeting of the Vestry, held on 18th March, 1879. Out of a total number of about 3,000 voting papers, 1,140 votes were given in favour of, and 618 votes against the adoption of the Acts. Thus by a majority of 522 votes the establishment of a Free Public Library was settled, and the Vestry appointed a Committee to undertake the management of the matter.

Site and Building.—The first duty of the Committee was the selection of a suitable site and building. After a careful examination of several offers, the site on which the Library now stands was chosen and submitted for the necessary sanction of the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury. Their Lordships, after consultation with the Local Government Board, approved the site, and the Vestry authorised a loan of £1,000 for its purchase. Mr. Brunton, the Town Surveyor, was then requested to prepare a design for a building; his plans were duly examined by the Committee and submitted to the Vestry for approval. After long consideration the Vestry passed the plans, authorising the Committee to vary the same if necessary. Tenders for the Building were afterwards invited by public advertisement, and that of Mr. Osborne, of Turnham Green, for the sum of £1,970 (being the lowest tender received), was accepted. The building has been much admired, and in the *Contemporary Review*, of March, 1881, Professor Stanley Jevons speaks of it as "the beautiful little Library at Richmond, Surrey." This notice of an able and competent writer bears testimony to the skill of the Architect.

Librarian and Secretary.—Pending the erection of the building it became necessary to proceed with the selection of a Librarian. It was generally felt that the work and management of a

Public Library were in many essential points special and peculiar, and it was, therefore, decided to advertise for candidates in the *Times*, *Athenæum*, and the local newspapers. Out of 250 applications the choice of the Committee fell on Mr. ALFRED COTGREAVE, Librarian of the Free Public Library at Wednesbury, who had for many years been trained in Public Libraries. The laborious work of receiving, classifying, and cataloguing every book, &c., has fallen upon Mr. COTGREAVE, and he has discharged his duties to the entire satisfaction of the Committee.

SELECTION AND PURCHASE OF BOOKS.—Before the building was completed arrangements had to be made for the reception of the very many books presented to the Library, as well as for the purchase of others. Mr. RYDON, a member of the Committee, generously offered, without charge, a temporary home in a house adjoining the building. Here the Librarian commenced work on the 1st November, 1880. The Committee are much indebted to Mr. RYDON for this accommodation, for no more convenient place could possibly have been found, and its occupation for six months saved considerable expense which must otherwise have been incurred. A Sub-Committee was appointed to prepare a list of suitable works to be purchased. This list contained 10,000 volumes, and copies of it were sent to the principal booksellers in London and elsewhere, with a request that they would give quotations of prices, editions, &c. The list was constantly revised as gifts of books were being daily received. The Committee finally made a selection, and at the opening of the Library the number of books presented and bought was 7,100; 1826 volumes have been added since that date. The Committee cannot omit a reference in this Report to their late colleague, Major-General ALLAN, whose sudden death on the 20th December, 1881, deprived them and the Institution of his great assistance. His love for literature led

him to acquire a considerable knowledge of books, and that knowledge, combined with a gentle and willing spirit, made him a most useful coadjutor. Appended to this Report will be found a list of all donors of money and of books. To all these (including many distinguished persons) the Committee have sent an acknowledgment of their thanks.

THE CATALOGUE.—The Librarian was directed to prepare a Catalogue upon the alphabetical system. This arrangement has been found to be the most convenient. Each work is entered under its title, subject, and name of author. A photograph of the exterior of the Library ornaments the front page. A supplementary Catalogue has become necessary, and will shortly be issued.

FURNITURE AND FITTINGS.—The various departments have been furnished with the latest approved fittings and appliances. An Indicator, the invention of the Librarian, and now used in many libraries, shews at a glance what books are in or out, saving much time and trouble both to the borrowers and the staff. This ingenious contrivance reveals in a moment the dates of issue and return of each book borrowed, the several persons who have borrowed it, the books taken out by every borrower, and those overdue. A bust of the late Earl RUSSELL, K.G., presented by Mr. A. J. WOOD, stands in the Newsroom. On the walls are photographs of the Countess RUSSELL and the Members of the Committee, presented by Mr. BYRNE; a medallion of the late Earl BEACONSFIELD, K.G., the gift of Mr. CONRAD DRESSLER, the artist; an engraving by SHARPLES of "The Forge," the gift of Mr. MUMBRAY; a handsome clock, presented by Mr. COCKBURN, who keeps it in order without charge; and a useful case of maps, the gift of Mr. R. ALEXANDER SMITH. Messrs. REYNOLDS AND CO. also gave four iron seats for the garden.

THE LADIES' ROOM.—The Ladies' Room has been handsomely and comfortably furnished at a cost of £95 9s. 1d. A special fund for this purpose was opened by Mr. KING, who generously contributed the sum of £40 4s. 7d., in order to make up the balance required to meet this expense. A list of subscriptions to the fund will be found at page 17 of the Report. Messrs. ABBOTT AND CO., Mr. J. COCKBURN, Messrs. GOSLING AND SONS, Mr. F. PIGGOTT, the executors of Mr. G. POWELL, Messrs. REYNOLDS AND CO., and Messrs. WRIGHT BROS. supplied the furniture of the room at cost price. Some pictures have been presented to the room by Mrs. WATERLOW, Mr. HILDITCH, and Mr. MARWOOD.

INAUGURAL CEREMONY.—The Committee invited the Right Hon. the Countess RUSSELL, who, with her daughter, the Lady AGATHA RUSSELL, and her son, the Hon. ROLLO RUSSELL, take a deep interest in the Library, to "open" the building. Lady RUSSELL cordially accepted the invitation, and fixed Saturday, the 18th of June, 1881, for the event. Several noblemen and gentlemen were also invited to attend. The VICAR OF RICHMOND, in appropriate prayers, invoked the Divine blessing on the undertaking, and interesting speeches were made by Lord ABERDARE, Lord EDMOND FITZMAURICE, M.P., Sir TREVOR LAWRENCE, Bart., M.P., Sir THOMAS ERSKINE MAY, K.C.B., the Hon. R. PLUNKET, Mr. SPENCER WALPOLE, and the MAYOR OF KINGSTON. The local newspapers of 25th June, 1881, gave a full report of the proceedings.

OPERATIONS OF THE LIBRARY.—The tables appended to the Report contain all statistical information. The issues from the Lending and Reference Departments during the first nine months have amounted to 67,723, giving a daily average of 342; and the total number of visits to the various departments of the Library has been 252,762—a daily average of 319 to the Library and 800 to the

Newsroom, or a total attendance of 1,119 persons per day, except Friday, when the Lending Department is closed. This large attendance, if calculated in proportion to the population of Richmond, will show an average of thirteen visits for each person residing in the town. The regular borrowers from the Lending Department numbered 3,180, being a proportion of 166 per 1,000 of the population. Further interesting details are given in the tables, which conclusively prove the great success that has attended the Library.

Library Association of the United Kingdom.—In September last the Library Association of the United Kingdom, consisting of the principal librarians and many other literary and scientific gentlemen, held their annual meeting in London. Many members of the Association visited the Library and expressed their admiration of it. On this occasion they were entertained at Lichfield House by Mr. and Mrs. Maxwell, to whom the thanks of the Committee are hereby presented for their hospitality.

Financial Statement.—On page 12 will be found the financial statement. Notwithstanding the most vigilant economy, a deficit of £117 7s. 9d. accrued at Lady Day last. It will, however, be observed that some large items of expense, such as the balance of the contractor's account, consumption of gas in drying the building, carpenters' work, and bills for furniture, &c., amounting to over £450, had to be defrayed from the general account, as the loan account of £2,000 had been previously exhausted. The Committee venture to hope that this explanation will be deemed satisfactory, and that during the current year the generosity of the public will enable them to discharge the existing liability, inasmuch as the limited income will barely suffice to meet the growing wants of the Library.

In conclusion, the Committee are happy to announce that the Librarian reports most satisfactorily on the general conduct observed

in the Library. The public have taken great care of the books, periodicals, and other property. Only two books have been lost by default; eight other books were lost or damaged, but these were readily replaced or paid for by their respective borrowers.

In submitting this Report the Committee are sensible of the confidence reposed in them by the Vestry and the Ratepayers of Richmond, and they earnestly hope that the usefulness of the Library will be maintained during the present year.

On behalf of the Committee,

FREDK. TREVOR,

Chairman.

Free Public Library,

June 14th, 1882.

Statement of Receipts and Expenditure

Dr.

LOAN

	£	s.	d.
22nd April, 1880.—Debentures payable in twenty years	1,000	0	0
3rd July „ —Mr. W. T. Mack	2,000	0	0
	£3,000	0	0

GENERAL

				£	s.	d.
Donations, &c.				427	5	1
Rate, One Penny, for 1879-80				484	0	6
Do., Do., 1880-81				499	8	6
Do., Do., 1881-82 (exclusive of uncollected portion)				355	8	3
Advertisements in Catalogue				46	13	0
LIBRARY RECEIPTS :—						
Catalogues sold	30	17	6			
Fines	41	7	10			
Damaged and Lost Books	0	18	9			
Money Boxes	0	13	6			
Sale of Waste Paper	1	14	0			
				75	11	7
				1888	6	11
Balance (Deficit)				117	7	9
				£2005	14	8

Examined and approved,

2nd May, 1882.

From 25th March, 1879, to 25th March, 1882.

ACCOUNT.

Cr.

	£	s.	d.
22nd April, 1880.—Purchase of Site	1,000	0	0
27th July, 1880, to 4th July, 1881.—Osborne, builder	2,000	0	0
	£3,000	0	0

ACCOUNT.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
PRELIMINARY EXPENSES :—						
Police Delivering and Collecting Voting Papers	7	10	0			
Printing Voting Papers	5	14	6			
Advertisements	15	0	0			
Vestry Clerk, Fees for Conducting Voting	27	18	0			
,, Counsel Fees	10	11	6			
,, Stamp on Conveyance	5	0	0			
,, Services as Clerk to Committee	50	0	0			
Smith and Burrell, Law Charges	12	11	4			
Fares of Candidates for Librarianship	13	2	6			
Stationery, Stamps, and Sundries	12	13	7			
				160	1	5
Interest on Purchase of Site				27	7	3
,, on Loans, £1,000 and £2,000				192	15	9
Repayments on Account of Loan £1,000				100	0	0
Osborne, builder, Balance of Account				283	6	8
Painting in Librarian's Rooms				5	0	0
Books Purchased				417	7	6
,, Binding and Numbering				48	19	0
Indicator				65	13	0
,, Books, &c., for Do.				14	15	3
Catalogue, Printing of 2,000 Copies				97	15	11
,, Clerical Assistance in Preparing				5	5	0
Salaries—Librarian, from 1st November, 1880				164	13	2
,, Assistants				44	2	6
Stationery, Printing, and Account Books				77	7	10
Periodicals and Newspapers				23	11	4
General Furnishing				72	12	8
Carpenters				65	4	0
Ironmongers				7	1	6
Gas				44	1	2
Coals				9	7	0
Cleaning				20	0	0
Postage and Telegrams				10	16	5
Garden				9	2	6
Fire Insurance				2	18	5
Rate Collectors' Commission				12	12	3
Petty Cash				23	15	1
Cash at Bank				0	2	1
				£2005	14	8

FREDK. TREVOR,

JAMES ALABASTER,

W. WOOTTON.

Assets.		£ s. d.
Cash at Bank		0 2 1
Uncollected Rate to Christmas, 1881	46 15 2	
Uncollected Rate, Quarter ending Lady-Day, 1882	134 2 4	
		180 17 6
Concert (Mr. Hales)		2 18 1
Balance (Deficit)		84 15 10
		£268 13 6

Liabilities.	£ s. d.
Deficiency brought forward	117 7 9
Salaries, Librarian and Assistants (two weeks)	6 10 4
ACCOUNTS NOT PAID :—	
Gas, Three Quarters	43 2 5
Carpenter (Hutt)	15 5 0
Ironmonger (Reynolds)	0 17 9
Coals (Stanford)	6 18 9
New Books (Book Depot)	30 10 1
Books—Binding	9 1 4
Shelves and Fitting (Steere)	9 1 0
Printing (King)	5 12 0
Stationery and Printing (Cook)	13 16 3
Newspapers and Periodicals (Hiscoke)	9 15 10
Indicator Slides	0 15 0
	£268 13 6

Examined and approved,
2nd May, 1882.

FREDK. TREVOR,
JAMES ALABASTER,
W. WOOTTON.

LIST OF DONORS.

DONORS OF MONEY.

	£	s.	d.
Aitken, Mr. C., Richmond...	1	1	0
Albert Road (Richmond) Shilling Donations	0	16	0
Aldin and Co., Messrs., Richmond	1	1	0
Anderson, Dr., Richmond...	2	2	0
Atkinson, Dr. Kew.....	1	1	0
Baker, Mrs. J. G., Richmond	0	5	0
Baker, Mr. R. H., Richmond	3	3	0
Bensted, Mr. T., Richmond	1	1	0
Bevan, Mr. G. P., J.P., Richmond.....	1	1	0
Billett, Mr. J. T., Richmond	2	2	0
Binns, Mrs., Richmond	0	10	0
Birkett, Mr. H., Richmond	1	1	0
Bond, Mrs., Richmond	1	1	0
Brakespeare & Co., Messrs., Richmond.....	1	1	0
Brewer, Mr. R., Richmond...	2	2	0
Brewin, Mr. A., Richmond	1	1	0
Bridge, Mr. J., Richmond...	1	1	0
Brown, Mr. W., Richmond	1	1	0
Buccleuch, Duke of.....	20	0	0
Budge, Mr. W. J.	1	1	0
Burford, Mr. J., Richmond ..	1	1	0
Cartledge, Mr. J., Richmond	1	1	0
Cadman, Miss, Richmond ...	1	1	0
Cahill, the Misses, Richmond	4	4	0
Carr, Mr. J. T., Bedford Park	2	0	0
Cave, Mr. T., J.P., Richmond.....	20	0	0
Chanell, Mr. H., Richmond	2	2	0
Clarke, Mr.	3	3	0
Clark, Mr. W. S., Richmond	10	10	0
Cleasby, Mr. W., Richmond	0	5	0
Colman. Mr. F., Kew	2	2	0
Covell, Mr. T., Richmond ...	1	1	0
Cox, Mr. T. Skewes, Richmond	1	1	0
Crawshay, Mrs., Richmond	0	10	0
Crump, Mr. A., Richmond...	2	2	0
Crump, Mr. H F., Richmond	0	5	0
Curtiss, Mrs., Richmond.....	1	1	0
Davis, Mr. C. H., Richmond	1	1	0
De Stern, Viscount, London	2	2	0
Denton, Mr. W. J., Kew ...	5	0	0
Drew and Son's, Messrs., Workmen at, Richmond...	0	8	6
Duell, Mr. G., Richmond ...	0	5	0
Dutch, Mr. F., Richmond...	0	10	6
Earle, Mr. H. F., Richmond	1	0	0
Edgar, Mr. J., Richmond ...	10	10	0
Edwards, Mr. J.	0	10	6
Eldridge, Mr. J., Richmond	0	10	6
Ellis, Mr. G., Richmond ...	2	2	0
Erskine, Mr., ...	1	0	0
Etherington, Mr. J. W., Richmond	0	10	6
Evans, Mr. Lloyd, London and Provincial Bank, Richmond.....	1	1	0
Everitt, Mr. E., Richmond	2	0	0
Fenner, Mr. Z., Richmond...	1	1	0
Field, Mr. W., Richmond...	1	1	0
Forbes, Mrs. F., Richmond	1	1	0
Fowler, Mr. J. B , Richmond	1	1	0
Galloway, Miss, Richmond...	1	1	0
Gardiner, Mr. C., Richmond	1	1	0
Gascoyne, Mr. S. T., Richmond.....	2	2	0
Gas Works, Richmond, Staff at	1	1	0
Gosling and Sons, Messrs., Richmond	10	10	0
Gosling's and Sons, Messrs., Assistants at, Richmond...	3	3	0
Greenwood, Mr. C., Richmond	1	1	0
Hales, Mr. J., Richmond ...	10	10	0
Hall, Mr. R., Richmond ...	5	0	0
Hanson, Mr. G., Richmond	0	10	6
Harley, Mr. J., Richmond...	0	5	0
Harrington, Lady, Richmond	1	1	0
Hawkins, Mr. E., Richmond	0	1	0
Hayward, Mr. E. P., Richmond	1	1	0
Headley, Rev. T. G., Petersham	5	0	0
Herron, Mr. G. O. M., Richmond	2	2	0
Hilditch, Mr. J. B., Richmond	5	5	0
Hillier, Mr. Stratton A., Richmond	1	1	0
Hillier, Mr., Assistants of, Richmond.....	0	10	6
Hopwood and Sons, Messrs., Richmond	1	1	0
Howard, Mr. E., Twickenham	0	5	0
Ireland and Co., Messrs., Richmond	1	1	0

DONORS OF MONEY *(continued).*

	£	s.	d.
Johnson, Mrs. H., Richmond	1	1	0
Kelley, Mr. D. Richmond ...	0	2	6
Kelsey, Mr. J., Richmond...	2	2	0
King, Mr. E., Richmond.....	10	10	0
Latham, Mr. T., Richmond	1	1	0
Lawrence, Sir Trevor, M.P., Dorking	10	10	0
Ledger, Mr. A. R., Richmond.....	0	5	0
Lillywhite, Mr. A., Richmond	1	1	0
London, Mrs., Richmond ...	1	1	0
Long, Mr. W. J., Richmond	1	1	0
Lorraine, Mr. A., Richmond	0	10	0
Lotz, Mr. H., Richmond ...	1	1	0
Lucas, Mr. J. M., Richmond	0	10	6
Ludlow, General, Richmond	2	2	0
Maclean, Mr., Richmond ...	1	1	0
Magnay, Mrs., Richmond ...	0	10	0
Mason, Mr. C.	0	10	6
Mason, Mrs. E. L., Richmond	0	10	6
Mauchlen, Rev. J., Richmond	2	2	0
McConnell, Mr. J., Richmond	1	0	0
McEwan, Mr. R., Richmond	5	0	0
McKilligin, Dr., Richmond	2	2	0
Messum and Sons, Messrs., Richmond.....	1	1	0
Mitchell, Miss, Richmond ...	0	10	0
Morris, Mr. T., Richmond...	1	1	0
Mouflet, Mr. F. C., Richmond.....	1	1	0
Murray, Mrs., Richmond ...	0	10	0
Napier, Mr. M., Richmond	3	3	0
Nussey, Mr. A. F.	1	1	0
Older, Mr. W. A., Richmond	1	1	0
Palmer, Mr. T., Richmond...	1	1	0
Pasley, Colonel, Richmond..	2	0	0
Pennyfeather, Mr. W. (London and County Bank), Richmond	4	4	0
Pentelow, Mr. W., Richmond	1	1	0
Peters, Mr. E., Richmond...	0	10	6
Peters, Mr. W., Richmond	0	10	6
Peirce, Messrs. J. and G., Richmond.....	2	2	0
Piggott, Messrs. F. and W., Staff of, Richmond..... ...	1	3	0
Popley, Mr., Richmond	1	0	0
Pottinger, Sir Henry, Richmond	5	5	0
Proudfoot, Mrs., Richmond	0	10	0
Pudella, Lady, Bayswater ...	0	10	0
Ratcliffe, Mr. T., Richmond	1	1	0
Ravenshaw, Mr. J. H., Richmond	10	10	0
Read, Mr. W., Richmond...	1	1	0
Richmond Letter Carriers ...	1	1	6
Richmond Police..... ...	0	10	0
Robinson and Son, Messrs., Richmond.....	0	5	0
Robinson, Mr. W., Richmond	0	10	6
Russell, Mr. F. G., Bayswater	0	10	0
Rutter, Mr. J. S., Richmond	10	10	0
Rydon, Mr. H. W., Richmond	52	2	0
(£50 of this reduction in price of Library Site)			
Sands and Co., Messrs., Richmond	2	2	0
Scantlebury, Mr. W. E., Richmond	1	1	0
Selwyn, Mr. C., Richmond ..	10	10	0
Skene, Mr. J. G., Richmond.	2	2	0
Slater, Mr. G., Richmond....	1	1	0
Slawson, Mr. W., Richmond	0	10	0
Smith, Mr. H., Richmond..	0	2	6
Smith, Mrs. H. A., Richmond	1	0	0
Smith, Mr. J. C., Richmond	1	1	0
Smith, Mr. W., Richmond...	0	10	6
Smith, Mr. W., Richmond...	1	1	0
Smith, Mrs. Walter, Richmond.....	0	10	6
Snow, Mr. A., Richmond....	0	10	0
Soole, Mr. S. N.	0	2	0
Southgate, Mr. H., Richmond	5	0	0
Stanbury and Sons, Messrs., London	2	2	0
Stevens, Mr. G., Twickenham	0	5	0
Street, Mr. H., Richmond ...	0	10	6
Sub-Editor, *Richmond and Twickenham Times*, Richmond	0	10	6
Sweet and Loder, Messrs., Richmond	1	1	0
Thorne, Mr. G., Richmond...	0	10	6
Treasure, Mr. G., Twickenham.....	2	2	0
Turner, Mr. C. J., Richmond	1	1	0
Twining, Mr. T., Twickenham.....	1	1	0
Wade, Miss, Richmond	2	2	0
Waechter, Mr. Max, Richmond.....	20	0	0
Wakefield, Rev. H. R., Barnes	1	1	0
Wall, Mr. J. W.....	0	5	0
Walton, Mr. F., Twickenham	25	0	0
Waterfield, Mr. O. C., Barnes	3	3	0
Waterman, Mr. G., Richmond	1	1	0
Western, Lieut., Richmond	2	0	0
Williams, Mr. T. P., Richmond.....	1	1	0
Wood, Mr. J., Richmond....	1	0	0
Wright Bros., Messrs., Richmond.....	5	5	0
Wright Bros., Messrs., Assistants at, Richmond	2	0	0

DONORS TO THE FUND FOR FURNISHING THE LADIES' ROOM.

	£	s.	d.
A Friend	1	1	0
A Richmond Bachelor	3	3	0
Aitken, Mr. Charles, Richmond	1	1	0
Aitken, Mrs. Charles, Richmond	1	1	0
Allan, Mrs., Richmond	1	1	0
Atkinson, Mrs., Kew	0	10	6
Asque, Miss, Richmond	1	1	0
Anderson, Dr., Richmond	1	0	0
Anonymous (Richmond Hill)	1	1	0
Brewin, Mrs. A., Richmond	1	1	0
Burt, Mrs. Chas., Richmond	1	1	0
Beck, Miss, Isleworth	0	5	0
Brewer, Mr. Frank J., Richmond	1	1	0
Birkett, Mr. Holland, Richmond	0	10	6
Bush, Dr. Erasmus, Richmond	1	1	0
Brocklebank, Mrs., Richmond	0	10	0
Cave, Mrs., Richmond	1	1	0
Cunningham, Mrs., Cassillis, St. Margaret's	1	0	0
Chancellor Mr. A., Richmond	1	1	0
Edwards, Mr. E., Oxford	1	1	0
Ellis, Mr. George, Richmond	1	1	0
Fergusson, Dr., Richmond	0	10	0
Grahame, Mr. W. S., Richmond	1	1	0
Gurteen, Mrs., Richmond	0	5	0
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Australian and New Zealand Gazette
Band of Hope
Banner of Israel
Baptist Messenger
Baptist Visitor
Barnsley Chronicle
Belgravia
Bicycling News
Bird o' Freedom
Blackwood's Magazine
Bookseller
Boot and Shoe Trades Journal
Boys' Own Paper
Brewers' Gazette
Brewers' Guardian
British Architect
British Flag and Christian Sentinel
British Israel
British Medical Journal
British Mercantile Gazette
British Workman
Brighton Standard
Builder
Builders' Weekly Reporter
Building and Engineering Times
Cabinet Maker
Cassell's Magazine
Catholic Times
Centaur
Century
Chambers' Journal
Chemists' Journal
Christian
Christian Herald
Church Bells
Church of England Temperance Chronicle
Churchman
Church Standard
Church Times
Citizen
City
City Press
Civilian
Colonies and India
Commercial World
Contemporary Review
Cornhill Magazine
Court Circular
Coventry Standard
Croydon Guardian
Croydon Review
Crusade
Daily Chronicle
Daily News
Daily Telegraph
Decorative Art
Dental Record
Dietetic Reformer
Dover Express
Draper
Echo
Edinburgh Review
Educational Times
Electrical Review
Empire
Engineer
Engineering
England
English Labourers' Chronicle
English Mechanic
Entr'acte
Era
European Mail
Evening Standard
Family Doctor
Farnworth Journal
Field
Financial Reformer
Fireman
Fishing Gazette
Florist and Pomologist
Free and Open Church Advocate
Freeman
Freemason

LIST OF NEWSPAPERS, &c. (*continued*).

Friendly Leaves
Fun
Funny Folks
Garden
Gardeners' Chronicle
Gardeners' Magazine
Gas and Water Review
Girls' Friendly Society
Girls' Own Paper
Globe
Gloucester Journal
Gospel Magazine
Grantham Journal
Graphic
Greenwich and Deptford Chronicle
Halifax Courier
Hardwick's Science Gossip
Harper's Monthly
Hastings and St. Leonards Advertiser
Hastings and St. Leonards Observer
Hastings and St. Leonards Times
Hatters' Gazette
Herald of Health
Home and Colonial Mail
Horsekeeper
Hull News
Illustrated Carpenter and Builder
Illustrated London News
Insurance
Insurance Record
Inventors' Record
Investors' Guardian
Iron
Ironmonger
Israel's Hope
Jewish Chronicle
Jewish World
John Bull
Journal of Dental Association
Journal of Dental Science
Journal of Dramatic Reform
Journal of Forestry
Journal of the United Service Institution
Judy
Kent and Sussex Chronicle
Kingston News
Knowledge
L. S. D.
Labour Standard
Lancet
Land
Land and Water
Leicester Chronicle
Leisure Hour
Lifeboat Journal
London Society
Lytham and Kirkham Times
Macmillan's Magazine
Magnet
Medical Press
Medical Times
Methodist
Metropolitan
Midland Times
Midland Counties Herald
Middlesex County Times
Middlesex Mercury
Mid-Surrey Times
Mission Life
Modern Society
Money
Moonshine
Morning Post
Musical Opinion
Musical Standard
Musical Times
Musical World
Myra's Fashion Journal
National Church
National Independent
Newcastle Chronicle
News of the World
New Zealand Prices Current
Nineteenth Century
Nonconformist
Norwood News
Otago Daily Times
Our Work
Paddington Mercury
Pharmaceutical Journal
Pictorial World
Plumber and Decorator
Port Elizabeth Telegraph
Pottery Gazette
Press Guide
Press News
Preston Pilot
Printers' Register
Printer and Stationer
Provisioner
Public Opinion
Punch
Quarterly Journal of House Improvement Association
Quarterly Review
Quarterly Register of Marriages, Births, and Deaths
Queen
Quiver
Railway Guides—
- Bradshaw
- District
- Great Western
- London and North Western
- Metropolitan
- Midland
- North London
- South-Western

LIST OF NEWSPAPERS, &c. (*continued*)

Railway Gazette
Railway News
Railway Official Gazette
Railway Review
Railway Sheet
Reading Mercury
Richmond and Twickenham Times
Richmond and Twickenham Times Almanack and Directory
Rock
St. James' Magazine
Sanitary Engineering
Saturday Review
Schoolmaster
Scotsman
Society
Somerset County Herald
South-Western Gazette
Southport Visitor
Sporting Times
Squire
Standard
Statist
Stock-keeper and Fanciers' Chronicle
Surrey Advertiser
Surrey Comet
Sunday at Home
Symon's Meteorological Magazine
Tailor and Cutter
Temperance Record
Temple Bar
Thrift
Timber Trades Journal
Times
Toronto Weekly Mail
Warehouseman and Draper
Weekly Freeman (Dublin)
Weekly News
West London Observer
Western Antiquary
Whitaker's Almanack
Whitehall Review
Woman's Suffrage Journal
World
Zoophilist

STOCK OF BOOKS IN THE LIBRARY.

Class Letter.	Classification of Works.	No. of Vols.
A	Theology, Moral Philosophy, &c.	610
B	Biography and Correspondence	450
C	History, Voyages, and Travels	822
D	Law, Politics, Social Economy, &c.	112
E	Art, Sciences, and Natural History	702
F	Prose Fiction	1738
G	Poetry, Drama, and Classics	393
H	Miscellaneous Literature	288
I	Magazines and Periodicals	418
J	Juvenile Literature (comprising all classes in a simple form adapted for Children)	372
		5905
	Reference Stock consisting principally of Historical and Topographical Works	3021
	Total	8926
	Books Lost	2
	Total Stock, March 25th, 1882	8924

Volumes lost or damaged and replaced or paid for by borrowers 8

Volumes lost by default (Reference Library) 1

Volumes lost by default (Lending Library) 1

N.B.—A large number of pamphlets, many of which are of local interest, are being collected and will be bound up in volumes in due course.

TABLES OF ISSUES.

LENDING LIBRARY.

MONTH.	Days open.	Theology and Philosophy.	Biography.	History, Travels, &c.	Law & Politics.	Arts & Sciences.	Fiction.	Poetry, Drama, and Classics.	Miscellaneous Literature.	Magazines and Reviews.	Juvenile, &c.	Total Vols.	Total Borrowers.	Daily Average.
JUNE.....1881...	9	17	44	60	2	42	705	18	16	12	80	996	964	110
JULY..... ,, ...	21	77	146	221	13	171	3369	74	46	73	347	4537	4378	216
AUGUST ..... ,, ...	22	100	208	279	18	226	4299	92	98	144	432	5896	5666	268
SEPTEMBER ,, ...	21	132	242	363	34	227	4353	112	127	235	498	6323	6037	301
OCTOBER ... ,, ...	22	162	283	427	33	261	5018	101	116	377	576	7354	6974	334
NOVEMBER ,, ...	22	149	271	416	15	264	5045	126	112	309	598	7305	6909	335
DECEMBER ,, ...	21	82	229	385	14	207	4834	109	106	353	500	6819	6535	325
JANUARY ...1882...	22	118	211	351	29	237	5122	127	141	357	591	7284	6899	331
FEBRUARY ,, ...	20	157	234	345	31	298	4995	111	99	294	539	7103	6544	355
MARCH ..... ,, ...	18	163	206	322	14	283	4795	127	109	272	495	6786	6152	377
TOTAL.....	198	1157	2074	3169	203	2216	42535	997	970	2426	4656	60403	57058	305

REFERENCE LIBRARY.

MONTH.	Days open.	Theology and Philosophy.	Biography.	History, Travels, &c.	Law & Politics.	Arts & Sciences.	Poetry & Drama.	Miscellaneous.	Magazines.	Total Vols.	Total Borrowers	Daily Average.
JUNE.....1881...	9	12	25	288	1	130	21	119	57	753	753	75
JULY..... ,, ...	21	31	24	511	16	194	38	168	119	1101	1101	45
AUGUST ..... ,, ...	22	30	25	275	16	191	39	98	82	756	756	32
SEPTEMBER ,, ...	21	46	41	215	13	192	32	122	201	862	862	41
OCTOBER ... ,, ...	22	14	21	199	5	138	36	61	92	566	566	26
NOVEMBER ,, ...	22	17	23	230	7	104	30	39	54	504	444	24
DECEMBER ,, ...	21	29	43	226	10	79	34	45	46	512	440	20
JANUARY ...1882...	22	20	67	341	7	96	52	53	98	734	672	34
FEBRUARY ,, ...	20	13	38	151	2	85	34	32	27	382	341	19
MARCH ..... ,, ...	18	6	33	130	1	98	38	22	43	371	324	19
TOTAL	198	218	340	2666	78	1307	354	759	819	6541	6259	33

TOTALS OF LENDING & REFERENCE LIBRARIES.

Month.	Days Open.	Theology and Philosophy.	Biography, &c.	History and Travels.	Law and Politics.	Arts & Sciences.	Fiction.	Poetry, Drama, and Classics.	Miscellaneous Literature.	Magazines and Reviews.	Juvenile, &c.	Total Vols.	Total Borrowers.	Daily Average.
JUNE.....1881...	9	29	69	448	3	172	705	39	135	69	80	1749	1717	185
JULY..... ,, ...	21	108	170	732	29	365	3369	112	214	192	347	5638	5479	261
AUGUST ..... ,, ...	22	130	233	554	34	417	4299	131	196	226	432	6652	6422	300
SEPTEMBER ,, ...	21	178	283	578	47	419	4353	144	249	436	498	7185	6899	342
OCTOBER ... ,, ...	22	176	304	626	38	399	5018	137	177	469	576	7920	7540	360
NOVEMBER ,, ...	22	166	294	646	22	368	5045	156	151	363	598	7809	7353	359
DECEMBER ,, ..	21	111	272	611	24	286	4834	143	151	399	500	7331	6975	345
JANUARY ...1882...	22	138	278	692	36	333	5122	179	194	455	591	8018	7571	365
FEBRUARY ,, ...	20	170	272	496	33	383	4995	145	131	321	539	7485	6885	374
MARCH ..... ,, ...	18	169	239	452	15	381	4795	165	131	315	495	7157	6476	396
TOTAL	198	1375	2414	5835	281	3523	42535	1351	1729	3245	4656	66944	63317	338

Total Number of Volumes issued ... 66,944
Back Nos. of Periodicals Borrowed 779

Total Issue..... 67,723

Daily Average 342
Population in 1881 19,068
Proportionate Issue to each Inhabitant in nine months ..... 3·5

N.B.—Many of the works of Fiction being in three volume editions, the proportion of issue to the other classes appears much larger than it really is.

CASH TAKEN IN LIBRARY.

Month.	Fines.	Damage.	Lost Books.	Sales of Catalogues.	Sales of Waste Paper.	Donations.	Boxes.	Total.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
JUNE ..... 1881...	0 0 6			5 2 0				5 2 6
JULY..... ,, ...	1 8 1	0 2 6	0 1 6	7 10 6				9 2 7
AUGUST ... ,, ...	2 12 3			4 1 0				6 13 3
SEPTEMBER ,, ...	3 12 10	0 0 7		3 6 6		1 0 0		7 19 11
OCTOBER... ,, ...	5 4 6			2 16 0				8 0 6
NOVEMBER ,, ...	5 10 4	0 0 4		2 4 6		2 7 0	0 8 0	10 10 8
DECEMBER ,, ...	6 4 11			2 12 0		0 5 0		9 1 11
JANUARY, 1882...	6 9 11	0 0 7	0 3 0	1 4 6			0 5 0	8 3 0
FEBRUARY ,, ...	5 2 11	0 0 4		1 2 6	1 14 0			7 19 9
MARCH..... ,, ...	5 1 7	0 0 4	0 9 7½	0 18 0				6 9 6½
TOTAL	41 7 10	0 4 8	0 14 1½	30 17 6	1 14 0	3 12 0	0 13 6	79 3 7½

CLASSIFICATION OF BORROWERS,

FROM LENDING LIBRARY, TO THE 25TH MARCH, 1882.

OCCUPATIONS.

Actors, Artists, Musicians, &c....	171
Army and Navy	37
Assistants and Clerks	436
Clergymen and Ministers	30
Lawyers, &c.	33
Mechanics, Domestics, and Labourers	443
Medical.....	27
Scholars	465
Schoolmasters and Teachers	133
Tradespeople	391
Not stated	1014
Total...	3180

Proportion of Borrowers to the population in nine months, 166 per 1000, or one-sixth of the population.

AGES.

Under 15	362
15 to 20	648
21 to 30	758
31 to 40	462
41 to 50	273
Over 50	261
Not stated.....	416
Total...	3180

RATEPAYERS AND NON-RATEPAYERS.

Ratepayers	909
Non-Ratepayers	2271
Total...	3180

SEXES.

Males..... .	1515
Females.....	1665
Total...	3180

ILLUSTRATIONS OF ISSUES.

NUMBER OF TIMES CERTAIN WORKS HAVE BEEN ISSUED AS SHOWN BY THE INDICATOR.

TITLE OF WORK.	No. of vols.	No. of times issued.	TITLE OF WORK.	No. of vols.	No. of times issued.
Butler's Analogy of Religion..	1	8	Trench's Study of Words	1	5
Farrar's Eternal Hope	1	24	Burns' Poems	3	10
Farrar's Life of Christ	2	25	Byron's Poems	2	23
Mill's Dissertations	4	10	Cowper's Poems.....	3	8
Robertson's Sermons.....	4	36	Longfellow's Poems	5	23
Stanley's Eastern Church.....	1	15	Moore's Poems	1	4
Women of Israel	1	20	Milton's Poetical Works	2	10
Smiles' Life of Dick	1	7	Shakespeare's Works	20	80
Martin's Life of Prince Consort	5	136	Tennyson's Poetical Works ...	11	125
Maxwell's Life of Wellington	3	15	Ainsworth's Works	19	779
La Case's Life of Napoleon ...	4	11	Braddon's Works	87	2552
Tucker's Life of Selwyn	2	11	Collins Works	24	785
Southey's Life of Nelson	1	25	Cooper's Works.....	13	288
Smiles' Life of Stevenson.....	1	17	Ouida's Works	27	839
Allison's History of Europe ...	14	59	Dickens' Works.....	42	1139
Baker's Albert N'Yanza	1	22	Disraeli's Works	20	538
,, Ismalia	1	8	Grant's Works	44	1417
Froude's English in Ireland...	1	27	James's Works	16	483
Hume and Smollett's History			Lever's Works	29	715
of England	6	30	Lytton's Works	34	971
Kinglake's Crimea	6	75	Marryat's Works	16	600
Livingstone's Last Journals ...	2	25	Scott's Works.....	37	632
Macaulay's History of England	8	81	Wood's Works	50	1247
Motley's Dutch Republic	1	17	Worboise's Works	25	857
Nares' Voyage of the Alert ...	1	40	Yonge's Works	16	575
Wallace's Russia	1	14	Pirkis' Works	6	189
Darwin's Origin of Species ...	1	27	Eiloart's Works	4	167
Hibbert's Field Flowers	1	6	All the Year Round	40	409
Lyell's Elements of Geology..	1	10	London Society	9	127
Tyndal's Forms of Water	1	9	Cornhill	49	317
Buffon's Natural History	20	40	Good Words	11	91
Art at Home Series	16	121	Macmillan's	7	27
Layard's Nineveh	1	9	Nineteenth Century	10	47
Macaulay's Speeches.....	1	1	Temple Bar	37	581
Malthus' Population Question	1	6	Ballantyne's Tales	19	821
Mill's Political Economy	1	11	Kingston's Tales	6	225
Smith's Wealth of Nations ...	1	12	Adams' Tales.....	2	49
Roget's Thesaurus of Words...	1	2			

BOOKS SELECTED BY BORROWERS ENGAGED IN VARIOUS OCCUPATIONS.

A MINISTER.

Apocryphal New Testament
Macdonald's Alice Forbes
,, Robert Falconer
,, David Elginbrod
,, Sir Gibbie
De Quincey, vols. 4, 6, 15, and 16
Hugo's Order of the King

NO OCCUPATION (LADY).

Martin's Life of Prince Consort
Figuier's Day after Death
Bailey's England from a Back Window
Foreign Classics—St. Simon's
Ancient Classics—Ovid
,, Tacitus

A STUDENT.

Huxley's Physiology
Carpenter's Animal Physiology
Waite's Sword Exercise
Agassiz's Comparative Physiology
Lardner's Museum of Science
Mivart's Anatomy
Oliver's Elementary Botany
Livingstone's Last Journals
Head's Pampas
British Physicians
Grant's Scottish Cavaliers
,, Yellow Frigate
Jeaffreson's Book about Doctors

NO OCCUPATION (GENTLEMAN.)

Davenport's History of Bastile
Doolittle's Social Life of Chinese
Miller's Jest Book
Holme's Autocrat of the Breakfast Table
Braddon's Lost for Love
,, Lovels of Arden
Wood's Edina
Brook's Gordian Knot
Tytler's Summer Snow
Bret Harte's Works, vol. 2
Blackmore's Lorna Doone
Trollope's Petticoat Government

A BUILDER.

Payn's What he Cost Her
Wood's Bessy Rane
Braddon's Milly Darrell
Smiles' Thrift
Muloch's Woman's Thoughts about Women
Smiles' Hugenots
,, Engineers
Temple Bar (vol. 29)

A CLERK.

Cresswell's Woman and her Work
,, Four Gospels in one
Chalmers' Power and Wisdom of God
Farrar's Eternal Hope
Stanley's Life of Arnold
Grogan's How Women may Learn
Mademoiselle Mori
Anderson's Occasional Pieces
Morris' British Thought

A DRAPER'S APPRENTICE.

Kingston's Wilds of Africa
Cooper's Lionel Lincoln
Stowe's Key to Uncle Tom
,, Footsteps of the Master
Gladstone's Spelling Reform
Gosse's Natural History
Dick's Sidereal Heavens
Murray's Marco Polo
,, Franklin's Voyages

A GROCER'S MANAGER.

Lever's Roland Cashel
Pirkis' In a World of his Own
Wood's Verner's Pride
Collin's No Name
Riddell's Ruling Passion
Payn's What he Cost Her
,, By Proxy
Sewell's Experience of Life
Trollope's Miss Mackenzie

BOOKS SELECTED BY BORROWERS ENGAGED IN VARIOUS OCCUPATIONS.

A JOURNALIST.

De Quincey vol. I.
Verne's Five Weeks in a Balloon
,, Mysterious Island, 3 parts
Marion's Wonderful Balloon Ascents
Ritchie's Night Side of London
Greenwood's Seven Curses of London
Doddridge's Lectures
Oldcastle's Journals and Journalism
Jeaffreson's Book about Doctors
Dickens' All the Year Round

A COMPOSITOR.

Wood's East Lynne
Verne's Meridiana
Ouida's Puck
Dumas' Russian Gypsy
Holmes' Guardian Angel
Riddell's Austin Friars
Elliott's James Darrell
Melville's Gladiators

A BRICKLAYER.

Lardner's British Commanders
Smiles' Hugenots
Vesinier's Commune of Paris
Lowe's Battles of British Navy
Maxwell's Story of Peninsular War
Dickens' Oliver Twist
Thomas' Charlie Carew
Lytton's Last Days of Pompeii
Shorter's English Poetry
Trollope's Burton Estate
,, Cousin Henry
Lytton's Caxtons

A SCHOOLMASTER.

Kavanagh's Forget me Nots
Braddon's Birds of Prey
Craik's Riverstone
Macquoid's By the Sea
Alexander's Wooing O't
Pirkis' A very Opal
Saunders' The Two Dreamers
Crowe's Linny Lockwood
Riddell's Joy after Sorrow
,, George Geith
Worboise's Singlehurst Manor

ILLUSTRATIONS OF VARIOUS OCCUPATIONS OF PERSONS READING THE SAME BOOKS, AS SHOWN BY THE INDICATOR.

* *Braddon's "Lady Audley's Secret," Issued 35 times.*	
Assistants	3
Cellarman	1
Clerks	4
Domestic	1
Dyer	1
Governesses	6
Manager	1
Milliner	1
Pawnbroker	1
Scholars	5
Staymaker	1
Telegraph Clerk	1
Not stated	9
	35

Lever, C., "Harry Lorrequer," Issued 31 times.	
Accountants	3
Artists	2
Clerks	4
Draper	1
Governesses	2
Grocers	2
Hosier	1
Pawnbrokers	2
Schoolmaster	1
Scholars	3
Telegraph Clerk	1
Watchmaker	1
Not stated	8
	31

Byron's Poetical Works, 1 copy, issued 11 times.	
Domestic	1
Draper	1
Joiner	1
Milliner	1
Merchant	1
Salesman	1
Scholar	1
Not stated	4
	11

Farrar's "Life of Christ," issued 25 times.	
Drapers	3
Dressmakers	2
Missionaries	2
Schoolmasters	2
Students	2
Surgeons	4
Not stated	10
	25

Macaulay's "History of England," vol. 1, issued 24 times.	
Chemists	2
Clerks	4
Dyers	2
Governesses	2
Scholar	1
Schoolmasters	2
Poulterers	5
Not stated	6
	24

"Leisure Hour," 1 vol., issued 16 times.	
Barmaid	1
Coachman	1
Painter	1
Scholars	7
Signalman	1
Civil Service	1
Not stated	4
	16

* Two Copies in Lending Library. Total issues 69.

ILLUSTRATIONS OF VARIOUS OCCUPATIONS OF PERSONS READING THE SAME BOOKS, AS SHOWN BY THE INDICATOR.

Yonge's "Young Stepmother," 1 copy, issued 39 times.

Carpenter	1
Clerks	2
Domestic	1
Dressmakers	5
Governesses	2
Saleswoman	1
Scholar	1
Surgeons	2
Traveller	1
Waterman	1
Not stated	22
	39

Wood's "East Lynne," 1 copy, issued 31 times.

Accountant	1
Artists	4
Builders	2
Clerks	4
Compositor	1
Cowkeeper	1
Dairyman	1
Drapers	2
Dressmakers	2
Domestic	1
Florist	1
Pawnbroker	1
Scholars	4
Surgeons	2
Not stated	4
	31

ILLUSTRATIONS OF VARIOUS OCCUPATIONS OF PERSONS READING THE SAME BOOKS, AS SHOWN BY THE INDICATOR.

Martin's "Life of Prince Consort," vol. 1, issued 33 times.

Architect	1
Butcher	1
Clerks	3
Domestic	1
Governesses	2
Missionaries	4
Surgeons	2
Not stated	19
	33

COMPARATIVE TABLE, showing the Number of Borrowers who had joined certain Libraries during the first two years they were opened, and the proportion per 1,000 of the population.

TOWN.	Date of Opening Library.	Computed Population.	Borrowers who had joined the first two years.	Borrowers per 1,000 inhabitants
Aston	1878	67,000	3,750	56
Bilston	1873	24,364	1,654	68
Birmingham	1867	340,000	*21,461	63
Blackburn	1862	82,962	2,142	26
Bolton	1853	92,655	3,484	36
Bradford	1871	145,827	9,329	64
Chester	1877	38,813	1,368	36
Darwen	1871	26,000	1,771	68
Dundalk	1857	11,616	200	18
Exeter	1870	42,248	1,411	33
Heywood	1874	22,000	662	30
Macclesfield	1877	35,571	3,030	85
Middlesborough	1871	39,585	2,254	57
Newcastle-on-Tyne	1880	145,228	†13,929	96
Norwich	1881	80,390	2,321	28
Richmond	1881	19,068	‡3,180	166
Sheffield	1856	239,947	11,700	49
South Shields	1873	44,722	3,514	78
Smethwick	1877	17,158	943	55
Southport	1875	35,000	3,334	95
Stockport	1875	53,001	3,640	68
Tynemouth	1869	42,829	4,367	102
Walsall	1859	49,018	1,000	21
Wednesbury	1877	25,031	3,770	150
Willenhall	1874	18,145	1,122	62
West Bromwich	1874	47,908	3,416	72

* Last two years. † One year only. ‡ Nine months only.

N.B.—The necessary statistics were not obtained from any other Libraries

COMPARATIVE TABLE, showing the Average Issue of Books from the various Free Public Libraries of Great Britain and Ireland.

TOWN.	Date of Report.	Population.	One Year's issue.	Proportionate issue to each inhabitant.
Aberystwith	1879	6,720	11,520	1·7
Airdrie	1881	13,363	16,053	1·3
Aston	1881	50,000	67,583	1·3
Bangor	1879	7,723	1,767	·3
Bilston	1879	24,192	30,000	1·3
Birkenhead	1879	90,000	92,000	1·0
Birmingham	1880	400,757	640,845	1·6
Blackburn	1879	76,337	48,015	·6
Blackpool	1881	14,448	25,377	1·7
Bolton	1881	105,973	250,346	2·3
Bradford	1881	180,459	291,276	1·6
Bridgwater	1879	13,000	2,400	·2
*Brighton	...	...	...	...
Bristol	1881	206,503	439,476	2·1
Burslem	1879	30,000	20,874	·7
Cambridge	1881	40,882	66,072	1 6
*Canterbury	...	...	...	...
Cardiff	1881	85,378	62,281	·7
Chester	1881	40,342	38,756	·9
Clitheroe	1881	14,463	12,669	·9
Coventry	1879	37,670	86,521	2·3
Darlaston	1879	14,724	13,330	·9
Darwen	1881	30,000	30,000	1·0
Devon and Exeter	1881	47,098	41,442	·9
*Devonport	...	...	...	...
Derby	1880	77,636	221,000	2 8
Doncaster	1881	21,130	50,364	2·3
Dundalk	1879	11,616	12,520	1·0
Dundee	1881	140 054	242,033	1·7
*Forfar	...	...	...	...
Galashiels	1881	12,434	17,286	1·3
§ Glasgow	1881	487,948	403,713	·9
†Halifax	...	...	...	...
*Handsworth	...	...	...	...
Hawick	1879	15,000	31,200	2·2
Hereford	1881	19,822	26,907	1·4
*Hertford	...	...	...	...
Heywood	1881	23,050	20,051	·9
*Ipswich	...	...	...	...
*Kidderminster	...	...	...	...
†Kingston	...	...	...	...
Leamington	1881	22,976	52,616	2·3
Leeds	1881	309,126	716,319	2·3
†Leek	...	...	...	...
Leicester	1881	122,351	200,000	1·6
Liverpool	1881	552,425	935,689	1·7
Macclesfield	1881	37,620	41,140	1·1
Manchester	1881	341,508	971,337	2·8
Middlesborough	1881	46,621	73,211	1·6
Newcastle-on-Tyne	1881	145,228	301,925	2·0
Newport, Mon.	1881	35,382	42,971	...
Northampton	1879	50,000	52,807	1·0
Norwich	1881	87,843	32,836	·4

* No report given. † Not yet opened. § Reference only; not under Act.

COMPARATIVE TABLE, showing the Average Issue of Books from the various Free Public Libraries of Great Britain and Ireland.

TOWN.	Date of Report.	Population.	One Year's Issue	Proportionate issue to each inhabitant.
Nottingham	1879	111,631	163,080	1·4
*Oxford	...	...	...	...
*Paisley	...	...	...	...
Plymouth	1881	77,401	162,048	2·1
Preston	1881	93,707	88,605	·9
†Reading	...	...	...	...
Richmond	1881	19,068	‡83,684	4·7
Rochdale	1881	68,865	168,514	2·4
Salford	1881	180,000	392,874	2·2
Sheffield	1881	284,410	355,982	1·2
Smethwick	1881	17,158	22,180	1·3
South Shields	1881	56,922	64,903	1·1
Southport	1881	32,191	120,387	3·7
*Stockport	...	...	...	...
*Stockton-on-Tees	...	...	...	...
Stoke-on-Trent	1881	19,263	35,961	1·7
Sunderland	1881	116,262	68.717	·5
Swansea	1881	63,739	86,347	1·3
Thurso	1879	3,200	6,365	2·0
†Twickenham	...	...	...	...
Tynemouth	1879	42,829	90,504	2·1
Walsall	1881	58,808	71,054	1·2
*Warminster	...	...	...	...
Warrington	1881	41,456	41,113	·9
Warwick	1879	11,000	19,508	1·7
Wednesbury	1880	24,564	63,845	2·6
West Bromwich	1880	56,299	80,000	1·4
Westminster	1881	228,932	83,876	·4
Wigan	1881	48,196	64,906	1·3
*Winchester	...	...	...	...
Wolverhampton	1881	164,303	62,986	·4
*Worcester	...	...	...	1·2

* No report given. † Not yet opened. ‡ Eleven months' issue only.

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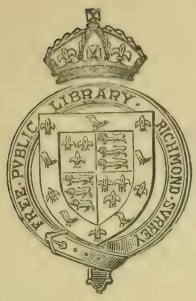
FOUNDED  JUNE, 1881.

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COMMITTEE, 1884-85.

Chairman:

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MR. W. WOOTTON.

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FRANK PACY.

Sub-Librarian:

ALFRED B. ROBINSON.

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F. C. ARISS.

F. P. TILL.

Fourth Annual Report

OF THE

RICHMOND FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY.

To the Chairman and Members of the Vestry of Richmond—

GENTLEMEN,

In submitting their Fourth Annual Report, the Committee are gratified at being able to present a satisfactory statement as regards the continued popularity and usefulness of the Library.

The total number of volumes in both Reference and Lending Libraries is 11,344, of which 700 have been added during the year. In the past twelve months 77,139 volumes have been issued from the Lending Department, shewing a slight increase on the figures of the previous year. There are now 3,354 borrowers, of whom 1,432 have joined the Library since March, 1884. In the Reference Library 6,093 volumes have been consulted, as against 7,261 during the year 1883-4. After adding the issues of back numbers of periodicals there is given a total of 86,138 volumes circulated from both departments.

The Committee attribute the falling off in the issue of books from the Reference Library to the lack of suitable accommodation. At the present time there is neither the requisite amount of space for readers nor shelf room for additional books.

It is hoped that the proposed extension of the building will ere long be an accomplished fact; but it entirely depends on the result of the voluntary penny rate sanctioned by the Vestry and now in course of collection.

The number of visitors to the Newsroom continues to increase; on the busiest days in each week the room is inconveniently crowded. The attendance during the past year is estimated at 305,000, as against 299,624 in 1883-84.

Fuller particulars have been prepared for this Report respecting the occupations of readers to whom borrowers' tickets have been issued, and it will be seen that all classes of the community freely make use of the Library.

In August last, Mr. COTGREAVE, the late Librarian, resigned his office on being appointed to a similar position in the new Public Library at Wandsworth. The Committee, after advertising for candidates, unanimously selected, from a large number of applicants, Mr. FRANK PACY, of the Birmingham Central Free Library, as Librarian and Secretary.

A new edition of the Catalogue was published in December, comprising all the books in the Library.

The general good order maintained by visitors to the Library is very satisfactory. Twelve books have been lost by default, no trace being found of the borrowers, who have left the town.

The financial statement and statistical tables are annexed to this Report.

The Committee desire to express their grateful thanks to those Friends, Publishers, Newspaper Proprietors, and others, who have generously given donations of money, books, periodicals, &c. The aid thus rendered conduces most materially to the continued prosperity of the Library.

Signed, on behalf of the Committee,

FREDK. TREVOR, *Chairman.*

FRANK PACY, *Librarian.*

Richmond Free Public Library,
13th May, 1885.

Financial Statement

LOANS

Dr.

	£	s.	d.
To Loan of £1,000 for purchase of Site, raised on Debentures, April, 1880, repayable in twenty years. Amount brought forward from last account	800	0	0
,, Loan of £2,000 for Building, &c., raised July, 1880	2,000	0	0
,, Loan for repaying sums expended on Capital Account, Jan., 1880	300	0	0
	£3,100	0	0

GENERAL

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To Balance in hand brought forward.—Treasurer	133	3	5			
,, ,, ,, Librarian	4	7	11½			
				137	11	4½
Received from Rates at 1d. in the Pound (1883-4)	190	8	6			
,, ,, ,, ,, ,, (1884-5)	423	3	11			
Grant in aid of Rates (Crown property)	2	3	6			
				615	15	11
Donations	4	5	6			
Ditto to Building Fund	2	1	0			
				6	6	6
Advertisements in new Catalogue				62	3	0
Library Receipts—						
Fines	74	3	1			
Damaged and lost Books	2	11	2			
Catalogues sold	12	16	3			
Periodicals sold	3	7	5½			
Waste Paper sold	7	10	0			
Donation Boxes	0	10	0			
Miscellaneous	0	0	7			
				100	18	6½
				£922	15	4

RICHMOND,

8th May, 1885.

For the Year ending 25th March, 1885.

ACCOUNT.

Cr.

	£	s.	d.
By Debenture repaid January, 1885	50	0	0
,, Debentures outstanding	750	0	0
,, Loans outstanding (Mr. Mack)	2,300	0	0
	£3,100	0	0

ACCOUNT.

	£	s.	d	£	s.	d.
By Salaries.—Librarians	129	7	3			
Assistants	77	7	6			
				206	14	9
,, New Books	57	16	10			
,, Periodicals	18	0	11			
,, Newspapers	33	15	9			
,, Binding Books, &c.	40	8	9			
				150	2	3
,, Catalogue, 2,000 copies	106	1	0			
,, Printing Annual Report	5	0	0			
,, Commission on Advertisements in Catalogue	6	0	6			
				117	1	6
,, Coal, Coke, and Wood	9	12	6			
,, Gas	48	6	5			
,, Cleaning	29	10	3½			
				87	9	2½
,, Printing	12	12	2			
,, Stationery, &c.	10	11	8			
,, Advertisements	0	9	6			
,, Postages, Carriage of Parcels, &c.	9	13	3			
				33	6	7
,, Indicator, &c.				21	14	0
,, Repairs to Building, Furniture, and Fittings				36	14	8
,, Slippers for Assistants				0	12	0
,, Fines, &c., repaid				0	0	10
,, Subscription to the Library Association				0	10	6
,, Railway Fares of Candidates for office of Librarian				8	3	0
,, Gardening				1	9	3
,, Debenture repaid	50	0	0			
,, Interest on Loans	127	4	9			
				177	4	9
,, Income Tax on Interest	2	14	10			
,, ,, Building	0	6	3			
				3	1	1
,, Fire Insurance				3	0	0
,, Commission on Rates collected				7	13	10
				854	18	2½
,, Balance in hands of Treasurer	54	7	9			
,, Librarian.—Petty Cash 2 4 11						
,, Wages 4 4 0						
,, Library Receipts 7 0 5½						
	13	9	4½			
				67	17	1½
				£922	15	4

W. PENN-LEWIS,

Accountant to the Vestry.

LIABILITIES.

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
To Accounts not paid—		
Librarian's Salary		1 18 5
New Books	0 2 3	
Periodicals	4 10 7	
Newspapers	9 7 3	
		14 0 1
Gas	11 1 7	
Coal, Coke, and Wood	4 10 6	
		15 12 1
Printing—Voluntary Rate	4 14 3	
Stationery	1 8 10	
		6 3 1
Repairs to Buildings, &c. (about)		20 14 6
Income Tax on Interest (1884-5)	3 5 3	
,, ,, Building	0 7 6	
		3 12 9
Legal Expenses—Counsel's Fee, *re* Voluntary Rate		1 3 6
		63 4 5
Surplus		41 1 5¾
		£104 5 10¾

ASSETS.

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
By Balance in hands of Treasurer		54 7 9
,, Librarian.—Petty Cash	2 4 11	
,, Wages	4 4 0	
,, Library Receipts	7 0 5½	
		13 9 4½
,, Rate uncollected at Lady Day, 1885, Net		36 8 9¼
		£104 5 10¾

W. PENN-LEWIS,

Accountant to the Vestry.

RICHMOND,

8th May, 1885.

DONATIONS.

BUILDING EXTENSION FUND.

Donations received by and promised to Mr. H. W. Rydon.

	£	s.	d.
Rev. T. G. Headley, Petersham	5	5	0
Mr. J. Edgar, Richmond	10	10	0
Mr. H. W. Rydon, Richmond	5	5	0
Mr. T. Skewes-Cox, Richmond, (annually for three years)	1	1	0
Mr. E. Huntley ,, ,,	0	10	6
Major Bennett	1	1	0
Mr. Rolfe	1	0	0
Constant Reader	0	5	0
Another Constant Reader	0	10	0
Anonymous	0	2	6

ANNUAL DONATIONS.

Mr. W. Burrell, Richmond	1	1	0
Rev. Astley Cooper, Richmond	0	10	6
Miscellaneous Donations	2	14	0
Contents of Donation Boxes	0	10	0

DONORS OF BOOKS.

	VOLS.
Abbott, Mr. Wm., Richmond, pieces of music	9
Alabaster, Mr. J., Richmond	6
Allan, Mrs., Richmond	1
Amélie, Madame, London...Pamphlet.	
Anonymous	4
Aubertin, Mr. J. J., London	2
Bain, Mr. J., Librarian, Toronto	1
Barton, Mr. E., Richmond	1
Beamish, Mr., Richmond	5
Bennett, Mr. E., Richmond	2
Bernard, Mrs., London, (per Mr. E. King)	1
Bevan, Mr. G. P., 1 engraving, and	4
Bigmore, Miss, Richmond	1
Bolton, Mrs., Richmond	1
Bottone, Mr. S. R., London	1
Britten, Mr. J., Southwark	2
Bryan, Mr. B., London	1
Bull, Major, Richmond	1
Bullock, Mr. W., Macclesfield	1
Bushman, Mr. J. C., Kew	6
Burt, Mr. C., Richmond	1
Coleman, Mr. J. G.	2
Colquhoun, Sir P., London (per Mr. E. King)	4
Cook, Mr. Francis, Richmond	51
Cooper, Rev. Astley, Richmond	7
Correave, Mr. A., Wandsworth	1
Davis, Mr. C., Kew	1
Davis, Mr. C. T., Birmingham	2
Durham University, Registrar of,	1
Edmonds, Mrs. E. M., Blackheath	1

DONORS OF BOOKS—*(continued).*

	VOLS.
Folkard, Mr. H. T., Librarian, Wigan	2
Forbes, Mrs., Richmond	12
Forster, Captain, Twickenham	57
Francis, Dr. W., Richmond	4
Fryer, Dr. A. C., Clifton	1
Ganthony, Mrs. R.	3
Gascoyne, Mr. S. T.	1
Gordelier, Mr. C., Hackney	6
Grey, Mr. H., London	2
Grimaldi, Rev. A. B., Ealing	1
Hawes, Mr. R. N., Richmond	2
Hawes, Miss, Richmond	8
Hill, Mrs., Richmond	24
Hiscoke, Mr. J. G., Richmond	25
Holmes, Mr., Richmond	1
Hoskins, Mr. J., Swansea	1
Irving, Mr. Henry, and Hatton, Mr. Joseph, London	1
Johnson, Mr. B. R., Richmond	4
Johnson, Mr. H., Kew	1
Jones, Mrs., Richmond	28
King, Mr. Edward, Richmond	9
Libraries: — Catalogues and Reports have been received from the following:— Aston, Barrow-in-Furness, Birmingham, Bolton, Bradford, Brighton, Cambridge, Cardiff, Chester, Clitheroe, Derby, Dumbarton, Dundee, Ealing, Glasgow (Mitchell Library and Stirling's Library), Handsworth, Kidderminister, Leamington, Leeds, Liverpool, Manchester, Middlesborough, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, Norwich, Nottingham, Plymouth, Preston, Reading, Rochdale, Runcorn, St. Helen's, Salford, Sheffield, Smethwick, Stafford, Stockport, Stoke-upon-Trent, Swansea, Toronto, Twickenham, Walsall, West Bromwich, Westminster, Wigan.	
Lomas, Mr. H. L., Richmond	4
London, Corporation of	1
Ludlow, General, Richmond	3
Macrae, Mrs., Richmond	1
Meiklejohn, Mr. J. M. D., Edinburgh	1
Miller, Mr. W. J. C., Richmond,	5
Miller, Mrs., Richmond	5
Maurice, Colonel F., London	2
New Zealand, Agent-General for,	1
Nichol, Mrs. E. P., Edinburgh	1
Noyce, Mr. G. T., Richmond	1
Palmer, Mr. G., Richmond	2
Piggott, Mr. F., jun., Richmond	1
Richards, Mrs., Richmond	3
Richmond Vestry	1
Rose, Mr., Kew	14
Rydon, Mr. H. W., Richmond	3
Science and Art Department (South Kensington)	1
Sellé, Dr., Richmond	6
Street and Co., Messrs., London	1
Tebb, Mr. W., London	1
Till, Mrs., Richmond	13
Till, Mr. F. P., Richmond	2
Trevor, Mr. F. G. B., Richmond	2
Tucker, Mr. G., Richmond	1
Turnerelli, Mr. Tracy, Leamington	1
Venn, Miss, (per Dr. Fenn)	1
Walker, Rev. G., London	1
Western, Mr., Richmond	11
Whipple, Mr. G., Richmond	6
Woodhouse, Mrs., Richmond	9
Wootton, Mr. W., Richmond	1
Wright, Mr. W. H. K., Librarian, Plymouth	Pamphlet.

DONORS OF NEWSPAPERS AND PERIODICALS.

Aitkin, Mrs., Richmond.....Friendly Leaves.

Alabaster, Mr. J., Richmond.....Church Times.

Anonymous .....Paddington Mercury.

Bennett, Mr. E. T., Richmond...Journal of Society for Psychical Research.

Britten, Mr. J., Southwark .....Weekly Freeman.

DONORS OF NEWSPAPERS AND PERIODICALS—*(continued).*

Carlile, Mr. E., Richmond .....Banner of Israel, Christian, Jewish Chronicle Messenger, Rock, and Battle Axe.

Carmoline, Mr. V., Kew .....Domestic Help.

Doble, Mr. E. M., Richmond ...Proceedings of the Geologist's Association.

Gaynor, Mr., Richmond.....Anglers' Journal.

Hill, Mrs., Richmond.....Le Courier de l'Europe.

Hornby, Mr. A., Richmond .....Wesleyan Methodist Magazine.

Huntly, Mr. G. N., Richmond ...Reporters' Magazine.

Jackson, Mr. J. R., Richmond ...Land and Water.

King, Mr. E., Richmond .....Baptist Messenger, British Flag, Churchman, Debater, Educational Times, Free and Open Church Advocate, Florist and Pomologist, Garden, Gardeners' Chronicle, Journal of Forestry, Methodist, Myra's Threepenny Journal, Report of the National Society for Women's Suffrage, Norwood News, Richmond and Twickenham Times, Richmond and Twickenham Times Almanack and Directory, Quarterly Return of Births, Deaths, and Marriages, West London Observer, Youth, and Zoophilist.

London City Mission .....Annual Report.

Lorrain, Mr. A., Richmond ... ..Harper's Magazine, and Illustrated London News.

Miller, Mr. W. J. C., Richmond...British Dental, British Medical Journal, Dental Record, Educational Times, Journal of Dental Association, Journal of Dental Science, Lancet, Medical Press, Medical Times, Pharmaceutical Journal.

Mullins, Mr., Kew .....Southern Times.

Neumegen, Mrs., Kew .....Australian Papers.

Porteous, Mrs., Richmond.....Echoes from Our Work.

Proudfoot, Mrs., Richmond .....Toronto Weekly Mail.

Railway Companies Time Tables—Caledonian, District, Great Eastern, Great Northern, Great Western, London Brighton and South Coast, London Chatham and Dover, London and North-Western, London and South-Western, Metropolitan, Midland, North London, and South-Eastern.

Richmond Horticultural Society Annual Report.

Rydon, Mr. H. W., Richmond...The Guardian.

DONORS OF NEWSPAPERS AND PERIODICALS—*(coutinued).*

Safford, Mrs. A. H., Clapham ...Mining Journal.
Sellé, Dr., Richmond .....Free Sunday Advocate.
Strangways, Mr., Twickenham ...Adelaide Observer.
Tipping, Mr. E. P., Richmond...Temperance Record.
Tweedie, Mrs., Twickenham.....Fireside News.
Walthew, Mrs., Richmond.....Friendly Work and Girls' Friendly Society.
Whiteley, Mr. G. F., J.P., Twickenham..... } Nonconformist.
Wildridge, Mrs., Richmond .....Australian Argus and Sunshine.
Wootton, Mr. W., Richmond ...Lifeboat Journal and National Church.

DONORS OF NEWSPAPERS—Publishers, Editors, and Proprietors.

Accountant, Age, Agricultural Gazette, Alliance News, Amateur Photographer, American Settler, American Traveller, Anti-Compulsory Vaccination Reporter, Architect, Athletic News, Barnsley Chronicle, Belfast Weekly News, Bible Work, Bicycling News, Bird of Freedom, Bookseller, Boot and Shoe Trades Journal, Boys' Own Paper, Boys' World, Brentford and Ealing Independent, Brewers' Guardian, Brighton Standard, British Architect, British Mercantile Gazette, Builders' Weekly Reporter, Building and Engineering Times, Bullionist, Cabinet Maker, Canadian Gazette, Centaur, Children's Dressmaker, Christian Herald, Church Bells, Church of England Temperance Chronicle, Citizen, City Mission Magazine, Civilian, Coffee House News, Colonies and India, Commercial World, Croydon Guardian, Cyclist, Debater, Dietetic Reformer, Dover Express, Draper, Dyer, Educational Record, Electric Light, Electrical Review, Elocutionist, Empire, Engineering, English Labourers' Chronicle, Englishwoman's Review, Entr'acte, European Mail, Family Dressmaker, Family Herald, Family Novelette, Fireman, Fireside News, Fishing Gazette, Free and Open Church Advocate, Freeman, Furniture Gazette, Garden Work, Gas and Water Review, Girls' Friendly Society, Girls' Own Paper, Gloucester Journal, Grantham Journal, Greenwich and Deptford Chronicle, Guide, Halifax Courier, Hastings and St. Leonard's Advertiser, Hastings and St. Leonard's Observer, Hastings and St. Leonard's Times, Herald of Health, Home and Colonial Mail, Home and Foreign Church Work, Hull News, Indent, Insurance, Insurance Record, Inventors' Record, Investors' Guardian, Iron, Jewish World, John Bull, Journal of Costumes, Journal of Horticulture, Kingston and Surbiton News, Knowledge, Labour Standard, Ladies' Gazette of Fashions, Lady's Pictorial, Lay Preacher, Le Moniteur de la Mode, Leisure Hour, Liberator, Local Government Chronicle,

DONORS OF NEWSPAPERS—*(continued).*

Lytham and Kirkham Times, Machinery Market, Magnet, Mercantile Shipping Register, Metropolitan, Mid-Surrey Times, Midland Advertiser, Midland Counties Herald, Midland Times, Middlesex County Times, Middlesex Mercury, Miller, Modern Society, Money, Moonshine, Municipal Review, Musical Opinion, Musical Standard, Musical Times, Musical World, Myra's Journal of Fashion, Myra's Threepenny Journal, Naval and Military Gazette, News of the World, North-Western Gazette, Norwood News, Overland Mail, Paddington Mercury, Phillips' Machinery Register, Phonetic Journal, Pictorial World, Plumber and Decorator, Plumbing and Decorating, Pottery Gazette, Poultry, Press News, Preston Pilot, Provisioner, Putney and Wandsworth News, Railway News, Railway Official Gazette, Railway Review, Reading Mercury, Richmond and Twickenham Times, Schoolmaster, Society, Somerset County Herald, South London Press, South-Western Gazette, Southport Visitor, Sporting Mirror, Sporting Times, Sportsman, Stage, Statist, Stockkeeper, Sunday Times, Surrey Advertiser, Surrey Comet, Tailor and Cutter, Telegraphist, Timber Trades Journal, Tonic Sol Fa Reporter, Torquay Times, Tricyclist, Vaccination Inquirer, Volunteer Service Review, Wandsworth and Battersea Times, Warminster Herald, Weekly Irish Times, Weldon's Bazaar of Children's Fashions, Weldon's Dressmaker, Weldon's Ladies' Journal, Wesleyan Methodist Sunday School Magazine, West Bromwich Weekly News, West London Observer, Wheel Life, Wheeling, Wiltshire Mirror, Woman's Suffrage Journal, Worcester Herald, World, World of Fashion, Young Ladies' Journal, Youth, Zoophilist.

Classification and Number of Volumes in the Library

25th MARCH, 1885.

Class Letter.	Classification of Works in the Lending Department.	No. of Vols.
A	Theology and Philosophy	655
B	Biography and Correspondence	595
C	History, Voyages, and Travels	1012
D	Law, Politics, Social Economy, &c.	139
E	Arts, Sciences, and Natural History	837
F	Prose Fiction	2264
G	Poetry, Drama, and Classics	469
H	Miscellaneous Literature	400
I	Magazines and Reviews	554
J	Juvenile Literature	575
		7500
	Reference Library	3844
	Total Volumes	11344

Volumes lost or damaged and replaced by Borrowers 19

Volumes lost by default (Lending Library) 12

Table of Issues in the Lending Library.

Month.	No. Days Open.	Theology and Philosophy.	Biography, &c.	History, Travels, &c.	Law and Politics.	Arts and Sciences.	Fiction.	Poetry, Drama, and Classics.	Miscellaneous Literature.	Magazines and Reviews.	Juvenile Literature.	Total Vols.	Total Borrowers.
MARCH	4	24	36	52	7	34	1154	19	16	64	88	1494	1383
APRIL.....	20	70	139	243	22	144	5196	78	52	313	423	6680	6228
MAY	22	70	134	207	16	159	5049	85	60	323	406	6529	6015
JUNE	20	52	118	182	12	151	4253	46	54	246	372	5486	5019
JULY	23	59	110	210	14	139	4515	86	52	295	420	5930	5471
AUGUST.....	11	27	57	75	7	63	2329	27	26	136	173	2920	2770
SEPTEMBER	22	49	150	202	14	168	4704	87	61	244	363	6042	5616
OCTOBER	22	76	158	248	24	146	5192	84	53	313	453	6747	6182
NOVEMBER...	21	111	212	257	24	181	5504	97	78	357	470	7291	6670
DECEMBER ...	21	96	172	252	22	172	4787	75	71	310	493	6450	5950
JANUARY ...	22	123	201	364	18	220	5623	97	95	330	604	7675	7266
FEBRUARY ...	20	102	211	349	29	243	5313	120	102	345	556	7370	6995
MARCH	18	113	215	278	31	225	4623	109	107	324	500	6525	6176
Total	246	972	1933	2919	240	2045	58272	1010	827	3600	5321	77139	71741

Periodicals issued for Home Reading 1792

Table of Issues in the Reference Library.

Month.	No. Days Open.	Theology and Philosophy.	Biography, &c.	History, Travels, &c.	Law and Politics.	Arts and Sciences.	Poetry and Drama.	Miscellaneous Literature.	Magazines and Reviews.	Total Vols.	Total Readers.
MARCH	4	1	5	58	2	47	7	12	22	154	115
APRIL.....	20	11	14	280	13	91	30	62	178	679	530
MAY	22	6	11	144	13	122	18	43	104	461	376
JUNE	20	6	9	116	4	80	13	56	77	361	304
JULY	23	57	12	162	11	105	24	63	168	602	493
AUGUST.....	11	1	13	137	3	60	55	33	86	388	311
SEPTEMBER	22	12	13	232	4	145	19	60	114	599	512
OCTOBER	22	6	33	182	8	65	74	46	98	512	372
NOVEMBER...	21	9	18	160	12	67	6	29	131	432	368
DECEMBER ...	21	13	24	225	—	60	8	49	112	491	410
JANUARY.....	22	19	23	203	7	110	10	42	146	560	489
FEBRUARY ...	20	10	17	160	8	84	8	16	129	432	406
MARCH	18	20	11	142	3	88	10	28	120	422	392
Total	246	171	203	2201	88	1124	282	539	1485	6093	5078

Periodicals (unbound volumes) issued 1,114

Total Issues of Lending and Reference Libraries.

MONTH.	No of Days Open.	Theology and Philosophy.	Biography,	History, Travels,	Law & Politics.	Arts and Sciences.	Fiction.	Poetry, Drama, and Classics.	Miscellaneous Literature.	Magazines and Reviews	Juvenile Literature.	Total Vols.	Total Borrowers and Readers.	Daily Average.
MARCH	4	25	41	110	9	81	1154	26	28	86	88	1648	1498	412
APRIL.....	20	81	153	523	35	235	5196	108	114	491	423	7359	6758	368
MAY	22	76	165	351	29	281	5049	103	103	427	406	6990	6391	318
JUNE	20	58	127	298	16	231	4253	59	110	323	372	5847	5323	292
JULY	23	116	122	372	25	244	4545	110	115	463	420	6532	5964	284
AUGUST.....	11	28	70	212	10	123	2329	82	59	222	173	3308	3081	301
SEPTEMBER..	22	61	163	434	18	313	4704	106	121	358	363	6641	6128	302
OCTOBER	22	82	191	430	32	211	5192	158	99	411	453	7259	6554	330
NOVEMBER	21	120	230	417	36	248	5504	103	107	488	470	7723	7038	368
DECEMBER	21	109	196	477	22	232	4787	83	120	422	493	6941	6360	330
JANUARY.....	22	142	224	567	25	330	5623	107	137	476	604	8235	7755	374
FEBRUARY ...	20	112	228	509	37	327	5313	128	118	474	556	7802	7401	390
MARCH	18	133	226	420	34	313	4623	119	135	444	500	6947	6568	386
TOTAL	246	1143	2136	5120	328	3169	58272	1292	1366	5085	5321	83232	76819	338

Number of Volumes issued	83,232
Back Numbers of Periodicals	2,906
Total Issue	86,138
Daily Average	350
Population of Richmond in 1881	19,068
Proportionate issue to each Inhabitant.....	4·5

CLASSIFICATION OF BORROWERS

To whom Tickets have been issued during the year 1884-85.

OCCUPATIONS.

Accountants	4
Agents	4
Apprentices	5
Army and Navy Officers	5
Artists	8
Assistants	38
Auctioneers	3
Authors	2
Bakers and Butchers	6
Barristers and Solicitors	14
Bootmakers	3
Botanists	2
Bricklayers and Stonemasons	5
Builders	4
Cabinet Makers and Upholsterers	7
Carpenters	15
Carpet Buyers	4
Chemists	8
Civil Service	6
Clergy	11
Clerks	82
Domestic Servants	44
Drapers and Drapers' Assistants	40
Dressmakers and Milliners	22
Engineers	9
Farmers	2
Foremen	3
Gardeners	14
Greengrocers	5
Grocers	9
Hotel-keepers	6
Ironmongers	3
Jewellers	2
Labourers	11
Ladies	430
Managers	4
Medical Men	6
Merchants and Manufacturers	22
Musicians	5
Painters and Plumbers	12
Photographers	5
Police Officers	5
Postmen	2
Printers	4
Railway Officials	4
Schoolmasters and Teachers	40
Secretaries	5
Stationers	3
Stockbrokers	5
Students	61
Tailors	10
Tobacconists	2
Watchmakers	2
Watermen	2
Other Trades	21
Other Professions	8
Occupations not stated	368
Total	1432

CLASSIFICATION OF BORROWERS—*(continued).*

AGES.

Under 15	128
15 to 20	268
21 to 30	290
31 to 40	150
41 to 50	92
Above 50	67
Not stated	437
	1432

RATEPAYERS AND NON-RATEPAYERS.

Ratepayers	343
Non-ratepayers	1089
	1432

SEXES.

Males	726
Females	706
	1432

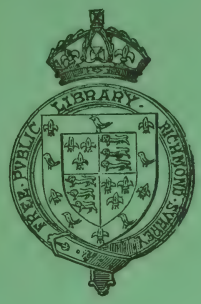
TOTAL NUMBER OF BORROWERS

Since the opening of the Library in 1881.

Borrowers joined Lending Library 1881-82	3180
,, ,, ,, ,, 1882-83	1228
,, ,, ,, ,, 1883-84	2060
,, ,, ,, ,, 1884-85	1432
	7900
Tickets cancelled	4546
Actual number of tickets in use 25th March, 1885	3354

Tickets are only available for two years, after which they must be renewed.

EDWARD KING, "Times" Steam Printing Works, Richmond.

FOUNDED  JUNE, 1881.

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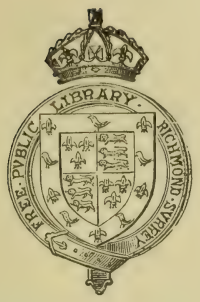
FOUNDED 

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COMMITTEE AND OFFICERS, 1887-88.

Chairman:

MR. F. G. B. TREVOR.

MR. J. ALABASTER.
MAJOR BULL.
MR. T. J. CARLESS.
MR. GEORGE CAVE.
MR. S. T. GASCOYNE.
MR. G. T. NOYCE.
MR. W. A. OLDER.
MR. F. PIGGOTT.
MR. F. D. ROBINSON.
MR. H. W. RYDON.
MR. A. C. SADLER.
DR. SELLE.

Librarian and Secretary:

FRANK PACY.

Sub-Librarian:

ALFRED B. ROBINSON.

Assistants:

A. W. CROCKFORD.
H. J. KEMP.

Attendant:

WILLIAM KIRBY.

Seventh Annual Report

OF THE

RICHMOND FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY.

To the Chairman and Members of the Vestry of Richmond—

GENTLEMEN,—

The Committee in submitting the following Annual Report are gratified to be able to speak most favourably of the continued appreciation of the Institution by all classes of the inhabitants of Richmond.

There are in the Library 14,643 volumes, of which 599 were acquired, principally by donation, during the past year. From the Lending Department 94,922 volumes were issued for Home Reading, and in the Reference Library 7,442 volumes were consulted. Adding to these figures the number of unbound periodicals issued in both departments, a total issue of 105,369 volumes is shewn. In the previous year the issue only reached 93,961 volumes, but the total in this case was affected by the closing of the Library for seven weeks; a step rendered necessary by the extension of the building. The daily average issue for the year under review was 432, an increase of 5 over that of the year before, whilst the borrowers on the books numbered 3,523 as against 3,357. It is worthy of notice that only five volumes were lost by default; twenty-one, lost

or damaged, were paid for by the borrowers. The issues of books have steadily increased year by year, and 620,999 volumes have been placed in the hands of readers since the establishment of the Library in 1881.

Again the financial year closes with a small balance in hand. In the last Annual Report mention was made of the heavy sum required each year for interest on and repayment of loans. It is hardly necessary to point out that the *building* debt, which now amounts to £4,170 9s. 8d., can only be removed, or substantially reduced, by some large gift, or, what would perhaps be better, by sustained efforts on the part of the supporters of the Library. Until something of this kind is done the financial position cannot be regarded as satisfactory. Without the Voluntary Rate of one penny in the pound, (which produced £158 13s. 6d.), it would be impossible to carry on the ordinary work of the Library, for, in spite of the severe economy which has been practised in all other items of expenditure, the Committee were only able to allot the sum of £30 12s. 8d. for the purchase of Books, and out of this £14 13s. 2d. was required for replacing 123 worn-out volumes. If only a substantial sum could be spared each year for the purchase of current literature, an end which would be attained by removal of the debt, there would no doubt be even a greater number of readers, and the wants of those now using the Library would be more effectually met.

It is estimated that on the average 1,000 persons enter the building daily, and of this number a large proportion is attracted by the 258 papers and periodicals placed at their disposal. In the present state of the finances it is a matter for con-

gratulation that most of these newspapers and periodicals are presented, either by the proprietors, or by private individuals.

To these donors, as well as to those who have contributed books and money, the Committee render their most hearty thanks.

On behalf of the Committee,

FREDK. TREVOR, *Chairman.*

FRANK PACY, *Secretary and Librarian.*

Richmond Free Public Library,

2nd May, 1888.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 25th MARCH, 1888.

LOAN ACCOUNT.

Dr.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
To amounts brought forward from last account :—		
On Loan of £1,000 for purchase of Site, raised by Debentures issued April, 1880, repayable in twenty years	650 0 0	
On Loan of £2,000 for Building, &c., raised July, 1880	2,000 0 0	
On Loan of £300 for repaying sums expended on Capital Account, raised January, 1883	300 0 0	
On Loan of £1,100 for Extension of Library, raised on 6th April, 1886	1,090 7 1	
On Loan of £200 for Extension of Library, raised on 27th July, 1886	200 0 0	
		4,240 7 1
		£4,240 7 1

Cr.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
By Amounts repaid during year, viz. :—		
Debenture (January, 1888,)	50 0 0	
United Kingdom Temperance, &c., Institution	19 17 5	
		69 17 5
By Balance carried forward—		
Debentures outstanding	600 0 0	
Loans outstanding (Mr. Mack)	2,500 0 0	
Ditto (United Kingdom Temperance, &c., Institution)	1,070 9 8	
		4,170 9 8
		£4,240 7 1

GENERAL ACCOUNT.

Dr.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
To Balance in hand at Lady Day, 1887, brought forward :—		
Treasurer	26 9 3	
Librarian	14 5 8	
		40 14 11
Received from Rates at 1d. in the pound (1886-87)	184 14 6	
(1887-88)	445 6 4	
Grant in Aid of Rates (Crown Property)	2 3 6	
Rates Collected after Closing of Old Rates	0 6 1	
		632 10 5
Library Receipts :—		
Fines	77 11 8	
Damaged and Lost Books	3 13 11	
Catalogues Sold	5 11 6	
Periodicals Sold	4 1 0	
Waste Paper, &c., Sold	6 1 10	
Donations in Boxes	0 7 11	
		97 7 10
Annual Subscription		0 10 0
Voluntary Rate, 1887-8, Proceeds of		158 13 6
		£929 16 8

Cr.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
By Instalment of Loans Repaid	69 17 5	
Interest on Loans	178 10 1	
		248 7 6
Salaries of Librarian and Assistants		235 17 1
Books	16 15 6	
Periodicals	19 8 6	
Newspapers	36 11 8	
Binding Books	59 7 0	
		132 2 8
Printing Annual Report		5 18 6
Printing	9 8 0	
Stationery, &c.	10 12 5	
Postages, Carriage of Parcels, &c.	5 15 1½	
		25 15 6½
Coal, Coke, and Wood	14 0 0	
Gas	55 1 4	
Porter's Wages and Cleaning	65 15 10	
		134 17 2
Repairs to Buildings, Furniture and Fittings		46 8 5
Fire Insurance	4 1 0	
Insurance of Glass	2 12 0	
		6 13 0
Subscription to Library Association and Librarian's Expenses attending Meeting		3 13 6
Commission on General Rate Collected		7 18 1
Income Tax on Librarian's Residence		0 8 9
Private Improvement Rate		1 10 0
Gardening and Sundries		0 18 0
Voluntary Rate, Expenses connected with		16 14 0
		£867 2 2½
Balance carried forward in hands of Treasurer	51 13 10	
,, In hands of Librarian :—		
Petty Cash £0 13 10½		
Wages 3 8 0		
Library Receipts 6 18 9	11 0 7½	62 14 5½
		£929 16 8

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES.

Liabilities.

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Librarian's Salary		4 16 2
Books	19 8 2	
Periodicals	4 16 2	
Newspapers	9 4 10	
Bookbinding	6 14 6	
		40 3 8
Gas	15 7 7	
Coal, Coke, and Wood	7 6 6	
		22 14 1
Stationery		1 3 6
Repairs to Buildings, &c.		11 15 9
Printing (Voluntary Rate)		2 7 6
		£83 0 8
Surplus		9 14 8½
		£92 15 4½

Assets.

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Balances at Lady Day, 1888, viz. :—			
In Hands of Treasurer		51 13 10	
,, Librarian—Petty Cash	0 13 10½		
,, ,, Wages	3 8 0		
,, ,, Library Receipts	6 18 9	11 0 7½	
			62 14 5½
Rates Uncollected at Lady Day, 1888, net			30 0 11
			£92 15 4½

17th April, 1888

W. PENN-LEWIS,

Accountant to the Vestry.

Classification and Number of Volumes in the Library

25th MARCH, 1888.

Class Letter.	Classification of Works in the Lending Department.	No. of Vols.
A	Theology and Philosophy	695
B	Biography and Correspondence	718
C	History, Topography, Voyages, and Travels	1145
D	Law, Politics, Social Economy, &c.	155
E	Arts, Sciences, and Natural History	939
F	Prose Fiction	2577
G	Poetry, Drama, and Classics	509
H	Miscellaneous Literature	426
I	Magazines and Reviews	801
J	Juvenile Literature	627
		8592
	REFERENCE LIBRARY	6051
	Total Volumes	14643

Volumes lost or damaged and replaced by Borrowers 21

Volumes lost by default (Lending Library) 5

Table showing Total Issues for the six years and nine months that the Library has been Opened.

Year.	Theology and Philosophy.	Biography and Correspondence	History, Travels, &c.	Law and Politics.	Arts and Sciences.	Fiction.	Poetry, Drama, and Classics.	Miscellaneous Literature.	Magazines and Reviews.	Juvenile Literature.	Periodicals (Unbound Numbers).	Total Volumes.
1881-82 (9 months only).	1375	2414	5835	281	3523	42535	1351	1729	3245	4656	779	67723
1882-83	1356	2190	4960	298	3600	57726	1364	1399	5414	5639	1958	85904
1883-84	1104	2332	5206	323	3438	58543	1504	1570	5134	5194	2623	86971
1884-85	1143	2136	5120	328	3169	58272	1292	1366	5085	5321	2906	86138
1885-86	1416	2474	6291	449	3667	60922	1364	1851	5981	6147	4371	94933
1886-87	1394	2647	6141	349	4261	60054	1581	1909	5774	6340	3511	93961
1887-88	1331	2818	6569	537	3996	69465	1739	1789	7599	6521	3005	105369
TOTAL.....	9119	17011	40122	2565	25654	407517	10195	11613	38232	39818	19153	620999

Total Number of Volumes borrowed from the Lending Library 565,890
Total Number of Volumes consulted in the Reference Library 55,109

620,999

Table of Issues in the Lending Library, 1887-88.

Month.	No. of days open.	Theology and Philosophy.	Biography and Correspondence.	History, Travels, etc.	Law and Politics.	Arts and Sciences.	Fiction.	Poetry, Drama, and Classics.	Miscellaneous Literature.	Magazines and Reviews.	Juvenile Literature.	Total Volumes.	Total Borrowers.
March	5	25	51	97	11	70	1459	27	32	99	130	2001	1879
April	19	116	227	362	36	244	6075	91	123	450	617	8341	7615
May	21	83	202	381	26	243	5856	105	88	421	535	7940	7329
June	21	75	179	262	20	193	4971	102	79	398	411	6690	6188
July	20	75	162	240	18	158	4470	83	76	329	409	6020	5596
August	13	36	105	168	9	115	2967	46	40	133	232	3851	3552
September	21	71	201	333	17	216	6002	97	70	418	544	7969	7244
October	22	120	241	408	30	252	6678	141	113	542	641	9166	8342
November	22	104	225	406	46	253	6468	162	110	527	611	8912	8109
December	20	73	230	376	38	236	5988	120	96	521	547	8225	7498
January	22	93	243	354	30	276	6564	115	101	540	665	8981	8199
February	21	126	254	415	30	259	6351	168	151	595	583	8932	8174
March	17	95	247	353	16	219	5616	108	110	534	596	7894	7184
Total	244	1092	2567	4155	327	2734	69465	1365	1189	5507	6521	94922	86909

Periodicals Issued for Home Reading - - - - 2220

Table of Issues in the Reference Library, 1887-88.

Month.	No. of Days Open.	Theology and Philosophy.	Biography and Correspondence.	History, Travels, &c.	Law and Politics.	Arts and Sciences.	Poetry, Drama, and Classics.	Miscellaneous Literature.	Magazines and Reviews.	Total Volumes.	Total Readers.
March	5	5	4	53	5	30	10	13	46	166	148
April	19	15	13	195	12	102	35	18	156	546	467
May	21	24	21	183	15	119	29	29	85	505	416
June	21	6	17	148	17	82	54	29	66	419	318
July	20	21	10	130	13	99	32	36	87	428	380
August	13	29	16	160	17	100	35	33	79	469	389
September	21	19	21	248	27	142	25	82	156	720	642
October	22	18	35	180	11	91	24	33	136	528	447
November	22	25	30	233	14	115	22	60	200	699	626
December	20	18	23	200	19	102	24	46	248	680	611
January	22	14	24	248	9	129	24	93	292	833	741
February	21	22	17	251	29	72	33	93	279	796	725
March	17	23	20	185	22	79	27	35	262	653	576
Total	244	239	251	2414	210	1262	374	600	2092	7442	6486

Periodicals (Unbound Volumes) Issued - - - - 785

Total Issues in Lending and Reference Libraries, 1887-88.

Month.	No. of days open.	Theology and Philosophy.	Biography and Correspondence.	History, Travels, etc.	Law and Politics.	Arts and Sciences.	Fiction.	Poetry, Drama, and Classics.	Miscellaneous Literature.	Magazines and Reviews.	Juvenile Literature.	Total Volumes.	Total Borrowers and Readers.	Daily Average of Issues.
March ...	5	30	55	150	16	100	1459	37	45	145	130	2167	2027	433
April	19	131	240	557	48	346	6075	126	141	606	617	8887	8082	468
May	21	107	223	564	41	362	5856	134	117	506	535	8445	7745	402
June	21	81	196	410	37	275	4971	156	108	464	411	7109	6506	338
July	20	96	172	370	31	257	4470	115	112	416	409	6448	5976	322
August ...	13	65	121	328	26	215	2967	81	73	212	232	4320	3941	332
September	21	90	222	581	44	358	6002	122	152	574	544	8689	7886	414
October...	22	138	276	588	41	343	6678	165	146	678	641	9694	8789	441
November	22	129	255	639	60	368	6468	184	170	727	611	9611	8735	437
December	20	91	253	576	57	338	5988	144	142	769	547	8905	8109	445
January ..	22	107	267	602	39	405	6564	139	194	832	665	9814	8940	446
February	21	148	271	666	59	331	6351	201	244	874	583	9728	8899	463
March ...	17	118	267	538	38	298	5616	135	145	796	596	8547	7760	503
Total	244	1331	2818	6569	537	3996	69465	1739	1789	7599	6521	102364	93395	420

Number of volumes issued..... 102,364
Unbound Numbers of Periodicals 3,005

Total issue 105,369

Daily average..... 432
Population in 1887 (estimated) 22,000
Proportionate issue to each inhabitant 4·79

CLASSIFICATION OF BORROWERS

To whom Tickets have been issued during the Year 1887-88.

OCCUPATIONS.

Accountants	4
Apprentices	3
Architects and Surveyors	9
Army and Navy Officers	16
Artists	12
Assistants	36
Auctioneers	2
Bakers and Butchers	8
Barmen and Barmaids	4
Barristers and Solicitors	19
Blacksmiths and Fitters	3
Bootmakers	3
Bricklayers and Stonemasons	4
Builders	5
Cabinet Makers and Upholsters	10
Carpenters	11
Chemists	6
Civil Servants	5
Clergy	9
Clerks	110
Coachmen and Grooms	2
Collectors	2
Domestic Servants	56
Drapers and Drapers' Assistants	58
Dressmakers and Milliners	48
Engineers	8
Gardeners	15
Grocers	13
Hairdresser	1
Hotel Keepers	8
Ironmongers	2
Jewellers and Watchmakers	12
Journalists	11
Labourers	4
Ladies	913
Mechanics	6
Managers	7
Medical Men	13
Merchants and Manufacturers	29
Messengers	5
Musicians	4
Nurses	2
Painters and Plumbers	11
Photographers	5
Porters	10
Printers	6
Railway Officials	4
Saddlers	4
Schoolmasters and Teachers	51
Secretaries	2
Stockbrokers	3
Students and Schoolboys	87
Tailors	5
Telegraphists	4
Tobacconists	2
Waiters	2
Watermen	4
Other Trades	7
Other Professions	3
Occupations not Stated	218
Total	1926

CLASSIFICATION OF BORROWERS—*(continued).*

AGES.	
Under 15	81
15 to 20	354
21 to 30	425
31 to 40	186
41 to 50	117
Above 50	128
Not stated	635
	1926

RATEPAYERS AND NON-RATEPAYERS.	
Ratepayers	492
Non-Ratepayers	1434
	1926

SEXES.	
Males	784
Females	1142
	1926

TOTAL NUMBER OF BORROWERS

Since the Opening of the Library in 1881.

Borrowers joined Lending Library—	1881-82	3,180
,, ,, ,, ,,	1882-83	1,228
,, ,, ,, ,,	1883-84	2,060
,, ,, ,, ,,	1884-85	1,432
,, ,, ,, ,,	1885-86	1,907
,, ,, ,, ,,	1886-87	1,469
,, ,, ,, ,,	1887-88	1,926
		13,202
Total cancelled		9,679
Actual Number of Tickets in use 25th of March, 1888		3,523

Tickets are only available for two years, after which they must be renewed.

DONATIONS.

	£	s.	d.
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Punch
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†Richmond and Twickenham Times
†Richmond Herald
*Rock
Saturday Review
†Schoolmaster
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†South-Western Star
†Southport Visitor
Spectator
†Stage
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†Surrey Comet
†Surrey Times
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Whitehall Review
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†Elocutionist
English Illustrated Magazine
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†Fireman
Fortnightly Review
*Free Sunday Advocate
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*Girls' Friendly Society's Journal
†Girl's Own Paper
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†Musical Opinion
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National Review
Nineteenth Century
†Novel Reader
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Quiver
†Railway Official Gazette
Sunday at Home
Sylvia's Journal
†Tailor and Cutter
Temple Bar
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†Vegetarian Messenger
†Weldon's Bazaar of Childrens' Fashions
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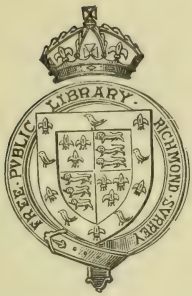
FOUNDED 

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OF THE

RICHMOND FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY.

To the Chairman and Members of the Richmond Vestry

GENTLEMEN,—

The Committee, in presenting their Eighth Annual Report, call attention to the contents of the various statistical tables, which prove that the usefulness and general efficiency of the Institution are maintained.

The books on the Library shelves number 15,620, the additions during the year amounting to 991 volumes, more than half of which have been presented. The issue from the Lending Department has reached 94,562 volumes, and 9,303 have been consulted in the Reference Department. These figures, supplemented by the number of unbound periodicals, give a total circulation in both Departments of 106,965 volumes, being 1,596 more than in the previous year. New tickets have been issued to 1,516 readers, and the number of borrowers from the Lending Library is now 3,140. A very satisfactory feature of the year's work is the fact that no books have been lost by default. Fourteen volumes, lost or damaged, have been replaced by the borrowers or guarantors, and fourteen worn out have been withdrawn. The increase of 1,800 volumes consulted in the Reference Library is worthy of remark, and the Committee feel sure that the usefulness of this department would be still further extended, if sufficient funds were available to provide, for the benefit of students, a larger number of the more important standard works. In many branches of literature the Library is weak, not only in recent publications, but also in books, which, as classics, it is desirable to possess.

It will be seen by the financial statement that, after allowance is made for all outstanding accounts, a favourable balance is carried forward to the current year. The Voluntary Rate produced £149 3s. 10d., being nearly £10 less than the amount received in the preceding financial year. This is a matter for regret, as if the General Rate had not shown a small increase, the work of the Institution would necessarily have been more restricted. The Committee cannot too strongly press upon the inhabitants the importance of this Voluntary Rate, without the continuance of which it would be absolutely impossible duly to meet the repayments and interest on the existing debt of £4,099 16s. 3d., and at the same time to provide for necessary requirements. Under present circumstances only a small portion of capital can be paid off the loans during each year; the Committee therefore once more venture to express the hope that this serious burden of debt will eventually be removed by some generous donor or donors. With an unencumbered income the work could be greatly extended, and by an increased expenditure on bookbinding, proper appliances, &c., the contents of the Library would be better preserved and made more readily accessible.

Exclusive of the amount received in subscriptions, which is separately dealt with, the Committee have been able to allot a sum of £60 19s. 9d. to the purchase of books. It need hardly be said that this amount, though double that expended last year, is quite insufficient to meet the demands of so large a number of readers, especially as £25 11s. 6d. was required for the replacement of 213 worn out volumes. The Committee thankfully acknowledge the supplementary aid afforded by the Monthly Shilling Subscriptions to the Book Fund, amounting to £26 10s., which sum has been the means of adding 170 new volumes. The names of subscribers, a list of the books purchased, and a duly audited balance sheet, are appended to this report.

During the year 113 carefully selected volumes of French and German Literature have been purchased; these, together

with works previously in the Library, form a small collection of 227 volumes in the French, German, and Italian languages.

The resignation of the Sub-Librarian in July last on his appointment to an Assistant Librarianship in the Chelsea Public Libraries, which was received with regret, has effected a small reduction in the cost of service.

The Committee record their best thanks to those friends who have made gifts of Money and Books, and to the Donors of Newspapers and Periodicals to the Reading Room.

On behalf of the Committee,

FREDK. TREVOR, *Chairman.*

FRANK PACY, *Secretary and Librarian.*

Richmond Free Public Library,
1st May, 1889.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT for the Year Ended 25th March, 1889.

LOAN ACCOUNT.

Dr.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
To amounts brought forward from last account :—		
On Loan of £1,000 for Purchase of Site, raised by Debentures issued April, 1880, repayable in Twenty Years	600 0 0	
On Loan of £2,000 for Building, &c., raised July, 1880	2,000 0 0	
On Loan of £300 for repaying sums expended on Capital Account, raised January, 1883	300 0 0	
On Loan of £1,100 for Extension of Library, raised on 6th April, 1886	1,070 9 8	
On Loan of £200 for Extension of Library, raised on 27th July, 1886	200 0 0	
		4,170 9 8
		£4,170 9 8

Cr.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
By amounts repaid during year, viz. :—		
Debenture (January, 1889)	50 0 0	
United Kingdom Temperance, &c., Institution	20 13 5	
		70 13 5
By Balance carried forward –		
Debentures outstanding	550 0 0	
Loans outstanding (Mr. Mack)	2,500 0 0	
,, (United Kingdom Temperance, &c., Institution)	1,049 16 3	
		4,099 16 3
		£4,170 9 8

GENERAL ACCOUNT.

Dr.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
To Balance in hand at Lady Day, 1888, brought forward :—		
Treasurer	51 13 10	
Librarian	11 0 7½	
		62 14 5½
Received from Rates at 1d. in the pound (1887-8)	193 8 9	
,, ,, (1888-9)	455 11 3	
Grant in Aid of Rates (Crown Property)	3 11 10	
Rates collected after closing of Old Rates	0 1 11	
		652 13 9
Library Receipts –		
Fines	77 3 11	
Damaged and Lost Books	2 6 4	
Catalogues Sold	5 5 0	
Periodicals Sold	3 8 7½	
Waste Paper, &c., Sold	2 19 0	
Donations in Boxes	0 9 4½	
		91 12 3
Donation towards Library Funds		2 2 0
Subscriptions towards Book Fund		0 15 0
,, for Newspapers		0 16 11
Share of Proceeds of Photographic Exhibition		3 7 6
Voluntary Rate, 1888-9, Proceeds of		149 3 10
		£963 5 8½

Cr.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
By Instalment of Loans Repaid	70 13 5	
Interest on Loans	173 17 5	
		244 10 10
Salaries of Librarian and Assistants		205 17 7
Books	42 11 3	
Periodicals	19 16 5	
Newspapers	37 10 10	
Binding Books	54 13 9	
		154 12 3
Printing Annual Report		5 13 0
Printing	5 8 9	
Stationery	9 16 0	
Postages, Carriage of Parcels, &c.	6 2 0	
Borrowers' Books	2 19 0	
		24 5 9
Coal, Coke, and Wood	13 8 0	
Gas	48 5 5	
Porter's Wages and Cleaning	68 18 3	
		130 11 8
Repairs to Buildings, Furniture, and Fittings		54 5 4
Fire Insurance	6 4 6	
Insurance of Glass	2 10 0	
		8 14 6
Subscription to Library Association and Librarian's Expenses attending Meeting		5 15 6
Income Tax on Librarian's Residence		0 7 6
Private Improvement Rate		1 3 4
Gardening and Sundries		0 14 6
Commission on General Rate collected		8 3 2
Voluntary Rate, Expenses connected with		17 1 6
		861 16 5
Balance carried forward in hands of Treasurer	89 5 3	
,, in hands of Librarian—		
Wages	2 9 0	
Library Receipts	10 4 8	
	12 13 8	
Less due to Librarian (Petty Cash)	0 9 7½	
	12 4 0½	
		101 9 3½
		£963 5 8½

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES.

Liabilities.

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Librarian's Salary		5 15 5
Books	37 16 8	
Periodicals	5 0 10	
Newspapers	9 6 10	
Bookbinding	14 12 10	
		66 17 2
Gas	14 3 3	
Coal, Coke, and Wood	7 4 0	
		21 7 3
Stationery		3 7 6
Repairs to Buildings, &c.		2 18 6
Printing (Voluntary Rate)		2 7 0
		102 12 10
Surplus		29 6 0½
		£131 18 10½

Assets.

		£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Balances at Lady Day, 1889, viz. :—			
In hands of Treasurer		89 5 3	
,, Librarian—Wages	2 9 0		
,, ,, Library Receipts	10 4 8		
	12 13 8		
Less due to Librarian (Petty Cash)	0 9 7½		
		12 4 0½	
			101 9 3½
Rates uncollected at Lady Day, 1889 (net)			30 9 7
			£131 18 10½

16th April, 1889.

W. PENN-LEWIS,
Accountant to the Vestry.

Classification and Number of Volumes in the Library,

Shewing the increase during the Year ended 25th March, 1889.

Class Letter.	Classification of Books in the Lending Department.	No. of Vols. 1887-88.	No. of Vols. 1888-89.
A	Theology and Philosophy	695	682
B	Biography and Correspondence	718	777
C	History, Topography, Voyages, and Travels	1145	1185
D	Law, Politics, Social Economy, &c.	155	165
E	Arts, Sciences, and Natural History	939	951
F	Prose Fiction	2577	2694
G	Poetry, Drama, and Classics	509	506
H	Miscellaneous English Literature	426	437
I	Magazines and Reviews	801	677
J	Juvenile Literature	627	625
K	Foreign Literature		227
		8592	8926
	REFERENCE LIBRARY	6051	6694
	Total Volumes	14643	15620

Volumes lost or damaged, and replaced by Borrowers or Guarantors 14

Volumes withdrawn, being worn out or useless 14

N.B.—The decrease in some classes as shewn above is owing to re-classification, and the transfer of a number of Volumes from one department to another.

Table showing Total Issues for the seven years and nine months that the Library has been Opened.

Year	Theology and Philosophy.	Biography and Correspondence	History, Travels, &c.	Law, Politics, &c.	Arts and Sciences.	Fiction.	Poetry, Drama, and Classics.	Miscellaneous Literature.	Magazines and Reviews.	Juvenile Literature.	Periodicals (Unbound Numbers).	Total Volumes.
1881-82 (9 months only).	1375	2414	5835	281	3523	42535	1351	1729	3245	4656	779	67723
1882-83	1356	2190	4960	298	3600	57726	1364	1399	5414	5639	1958	85904
1883-84	1104	2332	5206	323	3438	58543	1504	1570	5134	5194	2623	86971
1884-85	1143	2136	5120	328	3169	58272	1292	1366	5085	5321	2906	86138
1885-86	1416	2474	6291	449	3667	60922	1364	1851	5981	6147	4371	94933
1886-87	1394	2647	6141	349	4261	60054	1581	1909	5774	6340	3511	93961
1887-88	1331	2818	6569	537	3996	69465	1739	1789	7599	6521	3005	105369
1888-89	1366	3078	7453	510	3567	69999	1402	1964	7867	6659	3100	106965
TOTAL.....	10485	20089	47575	3075	29221	477516	11597	13577	46099	46477	22253	727964

Total Number of Volumes borrowed from the Lending Library 662,828
Total Number of Volumes consulted in the Reference Library 65,136

727,964

Table of Issues in the Lending Library, 1888-89.

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March	4	18	46	68	1	38	1166	18	22	107	146	1630	1494
April	20	104	279	332	28	198	6597	92	90	559	734	9013	8369
May	22	102	218	318	27	191	5930	69	82	496	565	7998	7377
June	21	68	171	283	24	179	5697	73	72	441	560	7568	7048
July	19	74	166	193	18	134	4298	54	75	338	432	5782	5409
August	14	37	107	148	14	97	3479	34	38	158	277	4389	4039
September	21	76	191	287	17	200	5943	75	78	358	547	7772	7195
October	23	78	224	337	29	222	6332	91	107	405	604	8429	7843
November	21	95	236	349	22	275	6343	106	82	435	541	8484	7757
December	20	93	270	413	14	224	6033	95	121	491	581	8335	7721
January	23	109	292	450	27	236	6339	105	126	491	604	8779	8189
February	20	115	278	432	23	253	6162	130	124	537	556	8610	7987
March	17	104	269	375	25	190	5680	95	95	428	512	7773	7154
Total	245	1073	2747	3985	269	2437	69999	1037	1112	5244	6659	94562	87582

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March	4	5	9	80	7	12	7	23	84	227	212
April	20	27	13	235	47	100	23	69	205	719	643
May	22	27	16	265	25	96	25	53	164	671	594
June	21	32	45	236	23	96	34	45	177	688	583
July	19	27	50	220	10	57	13	37	209	623	584
August	14	15	27	157	16	83	38	56	112	504	423
September	21	14	27	189	5	92	22	48	178	575	518
October	23	28	20	290	15	100	30	57	240	780	708
November	21	15	18	348	18	125	38	72	260	894	824
December	20	35	22	276	28	83	35	70	271	820	765
January	23	25	41	451	20	105	50	141	303	1136	1018
February	20	22	16	406	15	76	30	99	214	878	828
March	17	21	27	315	12	105	20	82	206	788	720
Total	245	293	331	3468	241	1130	365	852	2623	9303	8420

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MARCH ...	4	23	55	148	8	50	1166	25	45	191	146	1857	1706	464
APRIL	20	131	292	567	75	298	6597	115	159	764	734	9732	9012	487
MAY	22	129	234	583	52	287	5930	94	135	660	565	8669	7971	394
JUNE	21	100	216	519	47	275	5697	107	117	618	560	8256	7631	393
JULY	19	101	216	413	28	191	4298	67	112	547	432	6405	5993	337
AUGUST ...	14	52	134	305	30	180	3479	72	94	270	277	4893	4462	349
SEPTEMBER	21	90	218	476	22	292	5943	97	126	536	547	8347	7713	397
OCTOBER...	23	106	244	627	44	322	6332	121	164	645	604	9209	8551	400
NOVEMBER	21	110	254	697	40	400	6343	144	154	695	541	9378	8581	447
DECEMBER	20	128	292	689	42	307	6033	130	191	762	581	9155	8486	458
JANUARY ..	23	134	333	901	47	341	6339	155	267	794	604	9915	9207	431
FEBRUARY	20	137	294	838	38	329	6162	160	223	751	556	9488	8815	474
MARCH ...	17	125	296	690	37	295	5680	115	177	634	512	8561	7874	504
TOTAL	245	1366	3078	7453	510	3567	69999	1402	1964	7867	6659	103865	96002	424

Number of volumes issued.....	103,865
Unbound Numbers of Periodicals	3,100
Total issue	106,965

Daily average.....	436
Population in 1888 (estimated)	22,250
Proportionate issue to each inhabitant	4·81

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Bricklayers and Stonemasons	5
Builders	10
Cabinet Makers and Upholsterers	6
Carpenters	8
Cellarmen	6
Chemists	6
Civil Servants	17
Clergy	19
Clerks	70
Clothiers	2
Coachbuilders	3
Coachmen and Grooms	2
Collectors	3
Domestic Servants	46
Drapers and Drapers' Assistants	35
Dressmakers and Milliners	43
Engineers	11
Gardeners and Florists	11
Grocers	9
Hairdressers	2
Hotel Keepers	2
Ironmongers	3
Jewellers and Watchmakers	6
Journalists	9
Labourers	3
Ladies	612
Managers	6
Mechanics	3
Medical Men	10
Merchants and Manufacturers	7
Messengers	11
Milkmen	2
Music Teachers and Musicians	16
Nurses	3
Painters, Plumbers, and Decorators	14
Photographers	8
Police Officer	1
Polishers	2
Porters	6
Postmen	6
Printers	4
Railway Officials	6
Saddlers	2
Schoolmasters and Teachers	34
Secretaries	4
Stockbrokers	4
Students and Scholars	119
Tailors	3
Telegraphists	3
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Watermen	2
Occupations not Stated	137
Total	1516

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Not stated	470
	1516

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,, ,, ,, ,, 1883-84	2,060
,, ,, ,, ,, 1884-85	1,432
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,, ,, ,, ,, 1886-87	1,469
,, ,, ,, ,, 1887 88	1,926
,, ,, ,, ,, 1888-89	1,516
	14,718
Total cancelled	11,578
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Alabaster, Mr. J., Richmond	1
Anonymous	2
Bennett, Mr. E. T., Richmond	1
Carillon, Mr. J. W., Richmond	1
Carlile, Mr. E., Richmond	4
Cooper, Mr. J. Astley, Richmond	1
Cooper, Dr. J., Richmond	1
Davy, Mr. A., Richmond	1
Doble, Mr. E. M., Richmond	1
Ganthony, Mr. R., Richmond	1
Hooper, Mr. R., St. Margaret's	1
Hornby, Mr. A., Richmond	1
Imperial Federation League	1
Jackson, Mr. J. R., Richmond	1
Keene, Mr. H., Richmond	1
King, Mr. E., Richmond	12
Manser, Mr. G., Brentford	2
Miller, Mr. W. J. C., Richmond	6
Mr. Morgan, O. V., M.P.,	1
Peirce, Mr. G. B., Richmond	5
Robinson, Mr. A. B., Chelsea	1
Robinson, Mr. J., Junior, Richmond	1
Russell, Lady Agatha, Richmond	1
Rydon, Mr. H. W., Richmond	1
Safford, Mrs., Richmond	1
Seymour, Miss E. C., Richmond	1
Till, Mr. W., Richmond	1
Tipping, Mr. E. P., Richmond	2
Todd, Miss G., Richmond	1
Wootton, Mr. W., Kew Gardens	2
Young Men's Christian Institute, Richmond	1

Newspapers, Periodicals, &c, taken in the Library.

*Those marked * presented by Private Individuals, and those marked † by Publishers or Proprietors.*

DAILIES.

Daily Chronicle
Daily News
Daily Telegraph
Echo
*Freeman's Journal
Globe
Morning Post
Pall Mall Gazette
*St. James's Gazette
†Sportsman
Standard
Standard (Evening)
*Star
Times

WEEKLIES.

Academy
All the Year Round
†Alliance News
†Amateur Photographer
†American Settler
†American Traveller
†Architect
Army and Navy Gazette
Athenæum
*Australasian
*Banner of Israel
†Barnsley Chronicle
†Belgian News
†Bicycling News
†British Architect
*British Medical Journal
*British Weekly Journal
†Broad Arrow
Builder
†Builders' Weekly Reporter
†Bullionist
†Canadian Gazette
Chambers Journal
*Christian
†Christian Herald
†Christian World
*Church Army Gazette
†Church Bells
*Church Times
†Citizen
†Civil Service Times
†Civilian
†Colonies and India
†Croydon Guardian
†Cyclist
*Diamond Fields Advertiser (Africa)
†Dover Express
†Drapers' Record
†Eastern Courier
†Electrical Review
†Electrician
†Empire (Toronto)

WEEKLIES—*continued.*

Engineer
†Engineering
English Mechanic
Era
†European Mail
†Family Churchman
Field
†Fireside News
*†Fishing Gazette (two copies)
Fun
†Garden Work
*Gardeners' Chronicle
†Gardening World
†Gas and Water Review
*Good Templar's Watchword
†Grantham Journal
Graphic
†Greenwich and Deptford Observer
Guardian
†Hackney Carriage Guardian
†Halifax Courier
†Hastings and St. Leonards Times
†Home and Colonial Mail
†Horticulture, Journal of
*Hospital Gazette
Illustrated London News
†Inquirer
†Insurance Record
†Invention
†Investors' Guardian
†Irish Times
†Iron
*Jersey Weekly Press
†Jewish World
Judy
†Kingston and Surbiton News
†Lady
†Lady's Pictorial
*Lancet
*Land and Water
†Literary World
†Live Stock Journal
†Local Government Chronicle
Lock to Lock Times
†Lytham and Kirkham Times
*Medical Press
†Metropolitan
†Middlesex Chronicle
†Middlesex County Times
†Middlesex Independent
†Middlesex Mercury
†Midland Counties Herald
*Mining Journal
†Modern Society
†Money
†Mortlake and Barnes Guardian
†Musical Standard
Nature
†News of the World
†Overland Mail
†Paddington Mercury
†People
*Pharmaceutical Journal
†Phonetic Journal
*Pick me-up
†Poultry
Public Opinion
Punch
†Putney and Wandsworth Borough News
Queen
†Railway News
†Railway Review
†Reading Mercury
†Richmond and Kingston Express
†Richmond and Twickenham Times
†Richmond Herald
*Rock
Saturday Review
†Schoolmaster
Scotsman
†Somerset County Herald
†South London Press
†Southport Visitor
†South-Western Star
Spectator
†Sunday Times
†Surrey Advertiser
†Surrey Comet
†Surrey Times
†Temperance Chronicle
*Temperance Record
†Temperance World
†Thames Valley Times
†Timber Trades Journal
†West London Observer
†Whitehall Review
†Wiltshire Mirror
†Worcester Herald
World

FORTNIGHTLIES.

†Brewers' Guardian
†Commercial World
†Present Truth
Publishers' Circular

MONTHLIES.

†Animal World
Antiquary
Argosy
Art Journal
*Baptist Messenger
Belgravia
†Biblewomen and Nurses
Blackwood's Magazine
Bookseller
†Boy's Own Paper
*British Flag
British Workman
*Cabinet Maker
Cassell's Magazine
Century Magazine
†Children's Dressmaker (Mrs. Leach's)
*Churchman
†City Mission Magazine
Contemporary Review
Cornhill Magazine
†Costumes, Journal of
†Deane's Illustrated Journal (Richmond)
*Earthen Vessel and Gospel Herald
†Ecclesiastical Observer
*Educational Times
†Elocutionist
English Illustrated Magazine
†Englishwoman's Review
†Family Dressmaker (Mrs. Leach's)
†Family Herald
†Fancy Work Basket (Mrs. Leach's)
Fortnightly Review
†Free Sunday Advodate
*Friendly Leaves
*Friendly Work
*Geographical Society, Royal, Proceedings of
*Girls' Friendly Society's Journal
†Girls' Own Paper
†Good Health
Good Words
Harper's Magazine
†Herald of Health
†Imperial Federation
†Indent
†Insurance and Banking
†Insurance Gazette
*Kew Gardens Wesleyan Chapel Magazine
†Leisure Hour
*Liberal Unionist
†Liberator
Library
*Life Boat Journal
London Society
†Machinery Market
Macmillan's Magazine
†Miller
†Moniteur de la Mode
Murray's Magazine
†Musical Budget
†Musical Herald
†Musical Opinion
†Musical Society
†Musical Times
†Myra's Fashion Journal
†Myra's Threepenny Journal
*National Church
National Review
Nineteenth Century
†Novel Reader
*Oddfellows' Magazine
†Office
†Our Institute (Richmond)
Temple Bar
†Vaccination Inquirer
†Vegetarian Messenger
†Weldon's Bazaar of Children's Fashions
†Weldon's Dressmaker
†Weldon's Ladies' Journal
*Wesleyan Methodist Magazine
†Women's Suffrage Journal
†Young Ladies' Journal
†Zoophilist
*Our Waifs and Strays
†Outing
†Plumber and Decorator
Quiver
†Railway Official Gazette
†Seamen, Register of the Names, &c., of Deceased
Sunday at Home
†Sunday Closing Reporter
Sylvia's Journal
†Tailor and Cutter

QUARTERLIES.

Edinburgh Review
†Educational Record
English Historical Review
*Geologist's Association, Proceedings of
*Quarterly Return of Births, Deaths, and Marriages
Quarterly Review
*Society for Psychial Research, Journal of

RAILWAY TIME TABLES.

Bradshaw
†Caledonian
†District
†Great Eastern
†Great Northern
†Great Western
†London, Brighton, and South Coast
†London, Chatham and Dover
†London, and North-Western
†London and South-Western
†Metropolitan
†Midland
†North London
†South-Eastern

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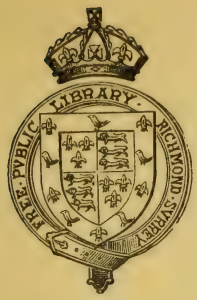
FOUNDED 

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COMMITTEE AND OFFICERS, 1889-90.

Chairman:

MR. F. G. B. TREVOR.

MR. J. ALABASTER.
MR. GEORGE CAVE.
REV. C. F. COUTTS.
MR. G. W. DUNCAN.
MR. G. T. NOYCE.
MR. W. A. OLDER.
MR. F. D. ROBINSON.
MR. H. W. RYDON.
DR. SELLE.
MR. T. W. TEMPANY.
MR. T. F. WAKEFIELD.

MR. J. B. HILDITCH and MR. A. C. SADLER,
Elected on April 29th to fill the two vacancies caused by the retirement of MR. OLDER and DR. SELLE.

Secretary and Librarian:

FRANK PACY.

First Assistant:

A. W. CROCKFORD.

Assistants:

A. G. BURT.
H. J. KEMP.

Attendant:

WILLIAM KIRBY.

Ninth Annual Report

OF THE

RICHMOND FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY.

To the Chairman and Members of the Richmond Vestry—

GENTLEMEN,

The year 1889-90 has been one of steady work for the Library, little of special moment having occurred.

The number of books has been increased by 1,096 volumes—of these 723 have been placed in the Reference Department and 373 in the Lending Department. Of worn out and useless books 124 have been withdrawn, so that altogether there are now 16,592 volumes upon the shelves.

During the year, 93,472 volumes have been placed in the hands of borrowers for home reading, and in the Reference Library an issue of 8,914 has been recorded. Beyond this 2,774 unbound numbers of periodicals have been borrowed, and 827 file volumes of newspapers and periodicals issued for reference. These figures show a grand total of 105,987 volumes and periodicals circulated. When this number is compared with the total issue of the previous year (106,965), it would seem to show a decrease but it is only an apparent one, for in the month of November last, the Committee decided to place upon open shelves in the Reference Reading Room many of the works most frequently consulted in that department. These books, consisting principally of Encyclopædias, Dictionaries, and Directories of various kinds, are in constant use, but as readers have unrestricted access to them, and no reading slips are filled in, it is not possible to give

any figures in connection with them. This change has undoubtedly proved a great convenience and it is satisfactory to note that so far, the privilege it confers has not been abused, for not a single book is missing, nor has any damage been done beyond ordinary wear and tear.

The Statistical Tables of Issues, &c., have been compiled as usual, and one feature observable is a decrease in the reading of fiction in the Lending Library, and an increase in the reading of other classes of literature. Three volumes only have been lost by default on the part of borrowers, a very small number when the extent of the circulation is considered.

The sum of £25 2s., realised by means of the Monthly Shilling Book Fund, was expended on new books for the Lending Library, leaving a balance of a few shillings to be carried forward. From the ordinary income the amount of £20 9s. 6d. was devoted to replacing 192 worn out copies of books in great demand.

In previous Reports the Committee have laid great stress upon the insufficiency of the income at their disposal, and every year, in spite of the most rigid economy, the needs of the Library become greater. One of the heaviest burdens is the building debt of £4,028, and on this account alone, the sum of £242 15s. 4d. has been absorbed for interest and repayment of capital out of the £669 produced last year by the Penny Rate. This fact fully proves the necessity for the continuance of the Voluntary Rate, and particular attention is drawn to the diminution of income from this source. In the first year of collection the rate realised £179 17s. 11d.; in the second year £148 8s. 1d.; the third year produced £158 13s. 6d.; the fourth year £149 3s. 10d., and in

the past year the amount was nearly £8 less, viz., £141 9s. 1d. This continued decrease is very disappointing, for it was hoped that the ratepayers, and more especially those of them whose families so frequently use the Institution, would continue their payments as its benefits and requirements became more apparent. If the work of the Library is to be carried on in an efficient way, a strong and united effort must be made by the inhabitants of Richmond to place it in a more satisfactory position. New books are greatly wanted, and upwards of 250 volumes are at the present time withdrawn from circulation as worn out; more money is required for binding, which is a heavy item of expenditure; the exterior of the building needs repair, and the interior cleaning and decoration; yet to meet all these requirements there are absolutely no funds available. In face of these facts the Committee once again earnestly appeal for more numerous contributions to the Voluntary Rate, increased subscriptions to the Book Fund, and donations of money to the General Funds.

The donations of books and papers during the year have been many, and include a number of valuable works. Noteworthy is the collection of Theological Books, presented in memory of the late Rev. G. S. Ingram, by the Executors of his will, and placed in the Reference Library, in cases provided by them. Another gift is the large and interesting collection of Shells, together with the glass cases, presented by Mr. T. Skewes-Cox.

On behalf of the Committee,

FREDK. TREVOR, *Chairman.*

FRANK PACY, *Secretary and Librarian.*

Richmond Free Public Library,
7th May, 1890.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 25th MARCH, 1890.

LOAN ACCOUNT.

Dr.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
To amounts brought forward from last account :—		
On Loan of £1000 for Purchase of Site, raised by Debentures issued April, 1880, repayable in twenty years	550 0 0	
On Loan of £2000 for Building, &c., raised July, 1880	2000 0 0	
On Loan of £300 for repaying sums expended on Capital Account, raised January, 1883	300 0 0	
On Loan of £1100 for Extension of Library, raised on 6th April, 1886	1049 16 3	
On Loan of £200 for Extension of Library, raised on 27th July, 1886	200 0 0	
		4099 16 3
		£4099 16 3

Cr.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
By amounts repaid during the year, viz. :—		
Debenture (January, 1890)	50 0 0	
United Kingdom Temperance and General Provident Institution	21 10 3	
		71 10 3
Balance carried forward :—		
Debentures outstanding	500 0 0	
Loans outstanding (Mr. Mack)	2500 0 0	
,, ,, (United Kingdom Temperance Institution)	1028 6 0	
		4028 6 0
		£4099 16 3

GENERAL ACCOUNT.

Dr.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To Balance in hand at Lady Day, 1889, brought forward :—						
Treasurer	89	5	3			
Librarian	12	4	0½			
				101	9	3½
Received from Rates at 1d. in the pound (1888-89)	194	5	6			
,, ,, (1889-90)	472	6	3			
Grant in Aid of Rates (Crown Property)	2	16	10			
				669	8	7
Library Receipts :—						
Fines	71	4	5			
Damaged and Lost Books	2	3	9			
Catalogues Sold (old)	4	4	0			
Ditto (Supplementary)	5	8	0			
Periodicals Sold	3	7	5			
Waste Paper, &c., Sold	5	17	1			
Donations in Boxes	0	4	10½			
				92	9	6½
Donation towards Library Funds				2	2	0
Donation for purchase of *St. James' Gazette*				0	6	5
Donation for purchase of four vols. of *Dictionary of National Biography*				3	0	0
Voluntary Rate (1889-90) proceeds of				141	9	1
				£1010	4	11

Cr.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
By Instalment of Loans repaid	71	10	3			
Interest on Loans	171	5	1			
				242	15	4
Salaries of Librarian and Assistants				224	15	8
Books	68	15	6			
Periodicals	20	8	4			
Newspapers	37	18	3			
Binding Books	89	8	5			
				216	10	6
Printing Annual Report				6	18	6
Printing	22	1	0			
Stationery	18	8	9			
Postages, Carriage of Parcels, &c.	6	0	4			
Borrowers' and Indicator Books	4	18	6			
				51	8	7
Coal, Coke, and Wood	12	12	0			
Gas	49	14	6			
Porter's Wages and Cleaning	70	3	7			
				132	10	1
Repairs to Buildings, Furniture, and Fittings				53	8	6½
Fire and Glass Insurance				8	14	6
Subscription to Library Association				1	1	0
Income Tax on Librarian's Residence				0	7	6
Private Improvement Rate				1	3	4
Gardening and Sundries				1	18	1
Commission on General Rate Collected				8	7	4
Voluntary Rate, Expenses connected with				18	6	0
				£968	4	11½
Balance carried forward :—						
In hands of Treasurer			26 12 7			
,, Librarian—Wages	5 8 0					
,, ,, Library Receipts	6 6 10½					
,, ,, Petty Cash	3 12 6					
			15 7 4½			
				41	19	11½
				£1010	4	11

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES.

Liabilities.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Librarian's Salary				2	17	8
Books	2	18	11			
Periodicals	4	17	8			
Newspapers	9	6	9			
Bookbinding	13	8	8			
				30	12	0
Gas	14	17	2			
Coal, Coke, and Wood	5	19	0			
				20	16	2
Printing	0	9	0			
Stationery	0	9	2			
				0	18	2
Repairs to Buildings, &c.				13	15	3
Printing (Voluntary Rate)				0	18	6
				£69	17	9

Assets.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Balances at Lady Day, 1890, viz. :—									
In hands of Treasurer				26	12	7			
,, Librarian—Wages	5	8	0						
,, ,, Library Receipts	6	6	10½						
,, ,, Petty Cash	3	12	6	15	7	4½			
							41	19	11½
Rates uncollected at Lady Day, 1890, (net)							19	15	0
							61	14	11½
Deficiency							8	2	9½
							£69	17	9

W. PENN-LEWIS,

Accountant to the Vestry.

14th April, 1890.

Classification and Number of Volumes in the Library,

Shewing the increase during the Year ended 25th March, 1890.

Class Letter.	Classification of Books in the Lending Department.	No. of Vols. 1888-89.	No. of Vols. 1889-90.
A	Theology and Philosophy	682	629
B	Biography and Correspondence	777	823
C	History, Topography, Voyages, and Travels	1185	1086
D	Law, Politics, Social Economy, &c.	165	181
E	Arts, Sciences, and Natural History	951	984
F	Prose Fiction	2694	2791
G	Poetry, Drama, and Classics	506	516
H	Miscellaneous English Literature	437	441
I	Magazines and Reviews	677	713
J	Juvenile Literature	625	633
K	Foreign Literature	227	253
		8926	9050
	REFERENCE LIBRARY	6694	7542
	Total Volumes	15620	16592

Volumes lost or damaged, and replaced by Borrowers or Guarantors 12

Volumes withdrawn, being worn out or useless 124

N.B.—The decrease in some classes as shewn above is owing to re-classification, and the transfer of 220 volumes from the Lending Library to the Reference Library.

Table shewing Total Issues for the eight years and nine months that the Library has been opened.

Year.	Theology and Philosophy.	Biography and Correspondence	History, Travels, &c.	Law, Politics, &c.	Arts and Sciences.	Fiction.	Poetry, Drama, and Classics.	Miscellaneous Literature.	Magazines and Reviews.	Juvenile Literature.	Foreign Literature.	Periodicals (Unbound Numbers).	Total Volumes.
1881-82 (9 months only).	1375	2414	5835	281	3523	42535	1351	1729	3245	4656	—	779	67723
1882-83	1356	2190	4960	298	3600	57726	1364	1399	5414	5639	—	1958	85904
1883-84	1104	2332	5206	323	3438	58543	1504	1570	5134	5194	—	2623	86971
1884-85	1143	2136	5120	328	3169	58272	1292	1366	5085	5321	—	2906	86138
1885-86	1416	2474	6291	449	3667	60922	1364	1851	5981	6147	—	4371	94933
1886-87	1394	2647	6141	349	4261	60054	1581	1909	5774	6340	—	3511	93961
1887-88	1331	2818	6569	537	3996	69465	1739	1789	7599	6521	—	3005	105369
1888-89	1366	3078	7453	510	3567	69999	1402	1964	7867	6659	—	3100	106965
1889-90	1185	3370	7561	456	3420	68237	1492	2301	6996	6234	1134	3601	105987
TOTAL.....	11670	23459	55136	3531	32641	545753	13089	15878	53095	52711	1134	25854	833951

Total Number of Volumes borrowed from the Lending Library 759,074
Total Number of Volumes consulted in the Reference Library 74,877

833,951

Table of Issues in the Lending Library, 1889-90.

Month.	No. of days open.	Theology and Philosophy.	Biography and Correspondence.	History, Travels, &c.	Law, Politics, &c.	Arts and Sciences.	Fiction.	Poetry, Drama, and Classics.	Miscellaneous Literature.	Magazines and Reviews.	Juvenile Literature.	Foreign Literature.	Total Volumes.	Total Borrowers.
March ...	4	19	52	87	7	46	1163	15	14	81	114	—	1598	1460
April	20	79	288	382	18	183	6252	101	87	393	547	—	8330	7681
May	22	85	246	354	19	202	5793	94	103	443	497	—	7836	7231
June	20	76	199	253	17	176	5428	62	91	378	403	—	7083	6530
July	19	49	142	200	20	126	4170	65	62	249	328	3	5414	5006
August ...	15	43	117	185	17	132	3862	35	43	179	351	50	5014	4705
September	21	68	204	260	29	158	5516	58	88	318	508	110	7317	6792
October...	23	71	228	387	21	238	6479	79	109	375	562	149	8698	8003
November	21	83	231	430	18	223	6578	101	133	491	608	148	9044	8372
December	20	62	265	389	24	204	5464	85	121	511	583	141	7849	7260
January...	22	48	371	408	24	226	6325	109	138	604	642	132	9027	8312
February	20	77	364	428	28	238	5799	140	126	552	557	119	8428	7803
March ...	18	79	273	366	23	211	5408	114	130	574	534	122	7834	7251
Total	245	839	2980	4129	265	2363	68237	1058	1245	5148	6234	974	93472	86406

Periodicals Issued for Home Reading - - - - 2774

Table of Issues in the Reference Library, 1889-90.

Month.	No. of Days Open.	Theology and Philosophy.	Biography and Correspondence.	History, Travels, &c.	Law, Politics, &c.	Arts and Sciences.	Poetry, Drama, and Classics.	Miscellaneous Literature.	Magazines and Reviews.	Foreign Literature.	Total Volumes.	Total Borrowers.
March	4	4	0	42	0	10	4	13	42	—	115	106
April	20	37	21	311	19	70	18	79	172	—	727	673
May	22	10	18	309	10	102	61	125	117	—	752	623
June	20	29	33	218	17	91	32	74	115	—	609	510
July	19	12	25	245	17	64	60	79	117	—	619	559
August	15	69	50	221	13	92	35	85	98	16	679	560
September	21	45	31	367	30	135	41	77	152	54	932	783
October	23	37	30	469	17	96	38	78	249	26	1040	916
November	21	27	52	405	14	69	42	109	214	16	948	810
December	20	19	32	224	19	62	30	64	98	12	560	451
January	22	15	35	202	12	89	31	93	177	12	666	570
February	20	25	28	250	13	108	27	107	156	15	729	599
March	18	17	35	169	10	69	15	73	141	9	538	448
Total	245	346	390	3432	191	1057	434	1056	1848	160	8914	7588

File Volumes of Newspapers and Periodicals consulted - - - - 827

Total Issues in Lending and Reference Libraries, 1889-90.

Month.	No. of days open.	Theology and Philosophy.	Biography and Correspondence.	History, Travels, &c.	Law, Politics, &c.	Arts and Sciences.	Fiction.	Poetry, Drama, and Classics.	Miscellaneous Literature.	Magazines and Reviews.	Juvenile Literature.	Foreign Literature.	Total Volumes.	Total Borrowers and Readers.	Daily Average of Issues.
March ...	4	23	52	129	7	56	1163	19	27	123	114	—	1713	1566	428
April	20	116	309	693	37	253	6252	119	166	565	547	—	9057	8354	453
May	22	95	264	663	29	304	5793	155	228	560	497	—	8588	7854	390
June	20	105	232	471	34	267	5428	94	165	493	403	—	7692	7040	384
July	19	61	167	445	37	190	4170	125	141	366	328	3	6033	5545	318
August ...	15	112	167	406	30	224	3862	70	128	277	351	66	5693	5265	379
September	21	113	235	627	59	293	5516	99	165	470	508	164	8249	7575	392
October...	23	108	258	856	38	334	6479	117	187	624	562	175	9738	8919	423
November	21	110	283	835	32	292	6578	143	242	705	608	164	9992	9182	475
December	20	81	297	613	43	266	5464	115	185	609	583	153	8409	7711	420
January ..	22	63	406	610	36	315	6325	140	231	781	642	144	9693	8882	440
February	20	102	392	678	41	346	5799	167	233	708	557	134	9157	8402	457
March ...	18	96	308	535	33	280	5408	129	203	715	534	131	8372	7699	465
Total	245	1185	3370	7561	456	3420	68237	1492	2301	6996	6234	1134	102386	93994	418

Number of Volumes issued	102,386
Unbound Numbers of Periodicals and File Volumes of Newspapers consulted	3,601
	105,987

Daily average.....	433
Population in 1889 (estimated)	22,500
Proportionate issue to each inhabitant	4·71

CLASSIFICATION OF BORROWERS

To whom Tickets have been issued during the year 1889-90.

OCCUPATIONS.

Accountants	6
Agents and Collectors	10
Apprentices	5
Architects and Surveyors	6
Army and Navy Officers	13
Artists	13
Assistants and Salesmen	29
Auctioneers	3
Author	1
Bakers and Butchers	9
Barmaid	1
Barristers and Solicitors	19
Blacksmiths and Fitters	2
Boarding House Keepers	3
Boatbuilders	3
Booksellers and Stationers	6
Bootmakers	5
Botanist	1
Bricklayers and Stonemasons	3
Builders	6
Cabinet Makers and Upholsterers	3
Carmen	2
Carpenters and Joiners	13
Cellarmen	2
Chemists	3
Civil Servants	9
Clergy	13
Clerks	71
Clothiers	3
Coachmen and Grooms	2
Domestic Servants	44
Drapers and Drapers' Assistants	45
Dressmakers and Milliners	44
Dyer	1
Engineers	12
Furniture Dealers	4
Gardeners and Florists	13
Grocers	15
Hairdressers	3
Inn Keepers	13
Interpreter	1
Ironmongers	2
Jewellers and Watchmakers	6
Journalists	7
Labourers	5
Ladies	826
Laundrymen and Laundresses	3
Managers	7
Mechanics	4
Medical Men	12
Merchants and Manufacturers	19
Messengers	7
Milkmen	2
Music Teachers and Musicians	10
Nurse	1
Painters, Plumbers, and Decorators	9
Photographers	8
Police Officer	1
Polishers	2
Porters	5
Postmen	5
Printers	8
Railway Officials	7
Saddlers	3
Schoolmasters and Teachers	41
Scientists	3
Stockbrokers	4
Students and Scholars	78
Tailors	7
Telegraphists	5
Tobacconists	4
Travellers	5
Underwriters	2
Waiters	6
Warehousemen	3
Waterman	1
Occupations not stated	194
Total	1772

CLASSIFICATION OF BORROWERS—*(continued).*

Ages.	
Under 15	54
15 to 20	356
21 to 30	346
31 to 40	191
41 to 50	125
Above 50	129
Not stated	571
	1772

Ratepayers and Non-Ratepayers.	
Ratepayers	487
Non-Ratepayers	1285
	1772

Sexes.	
Males	769
Females	1003
	1772

TOTAL NUMBER OF BORROWERS.

Since the Opening of the Library in 1881.

Borrowers joined Lending Library—1881-82	3,180
,, ,, ,, ,, 1882-83	1,228
,, ,, ,, ,, 1883-84	2,060
,, ,, ,, ,, 1884-85	1,432
,, ,, ,, ,, 1885-86	1,907
,, ,, ,, ,, 1886-87	1,469
,, ,, ,, ,, 1887-88	1,926
,, ,, ,, ,, 1888-89	1,516
,, ,, ,, ,, 1889-90	1,772
	16,490
Total cancelled	13,505
Actual Number of Tickets in use 25th March, 1890	2,985

Tickets are only available for two years, after which they must be renewed.

MONTHLY SHILLING BOOK FUND.

BALANCE SHEET, 1889-90.

Dr.	£	s.	d.	Cr.	£	s.	d.
Balance brought forward ...	0	1	1	By Expenditure on the purchase of Books	25	2	0
To Amount of Subscriptions received during the Year	25	6	0	Balance carried forward ...	0	5	1
	£25	7	1		£25	7	1

Examined with the Vouchers and found to be correct,

FREDK. TREVOR.

16th April, 1890.

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Tenth Annual Report

OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE

RICHMOND FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY.

To the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of Richmond, Surrey—

GENTLEMEN,

The Library Committee beg leave to present their Tenth Annual Report.

During the past year a new Library Authority has been established in Richmond. On the 10th November last the Vestry ceased its connection with the Library, and the Corporation of Richmond took its place. This change caused an alteration in the constitution of the Committee. The Vestry confined the members of the Committee to its own body, but the Town Council appointed four members (a third of the whole) who are not members of the Council. The result is that out of the existing Committee four are entirely new members, and it is hoped that this infusion of fresh blood will prove beneficial. The Committee desire to record an expression of gratitude to the old Library Authority for its unfailing confidence, to thank their former colleagues who have retired from the Committee for their helpful services, and to express an earnest hope that the new Authority will approve the work carried on in their name.

The members of the Library Association of the United Kingdom held their March meeting here, when the Librarian read a Paper on "The Library and Literary Associations of Richmond."

The additions to the Library during the year number 600 volumes—329 having been placed in the Lending Library and 271 in the Reference Library. Of books considered to be worthless 116 have been withdrawn, the crowded state of

the shelves rendering it necessary that such works should be removed to make room for others of a better class. The total number of volumes now in the Library is 17,076.

The issue in the Lending Library has amounted to 87,650 volumes, and in addition 2,630 unbound numbers of periodicals have been circulated. In the Reference Library a record has been kept of 6,793 volumes consulted, but these figures do not give a full idea of the amount of reading in this department, as it is not possible to keep an account of the number of readers availing themselves of the Open Reference Library, the books in which are largely used. There has been an increased demand for the file volumes of newspapers and periodicals kept for reference, the figures being 1,152 volumes, an increase of 325 on the number consulted the year before. The total circulation in both departments has been 97,073 volumes as against 105,987 the previous year. This decrease, in the opinion of the Committee, is attributable to two causes—firstly because very little recent literature has been added, and that only by means of subscriptions to the Book Fund, and secondly because there is no complete catalogue of the Library available. Progress is being made with a new catalogue of the books in the Lending Department, which will it is hoped be ready to print in the autumn, if only there should be funds in hand to cover the cost. The work cannot be proceeded with more rapidly, as the Librarian is taking this opportunity of examining the whole of the books, excluding many and transferring others from one department to another. This entails a great amount of clerical work in connection with the stock books, as well as on the catalogue proper.

It is gratifying to the Committee to learn that only one book has been lost, owing to the default of a borrower whose whereabouts cannot be traced, a fact which shows that the work of the Library staff is being efficiently performed.

The Committee have succeeded in showing a credit balance, which has been reserved to meet anticipated extraordinary expenditure during the year just commenced. To effect this the most rigid economy has had to be exercised;

indeed the Library is starved in every department, on account of the unsatisfactory financial position. The small sum of £26 was all that could be devoted to the purchase of new books and the replacing of volumes worn out, and even this amount was more than half made up by donations, including a grant of ten guineas from the Richmond Athenæum, expended in providing some standard works in which the Lending Library was deficient. This grant was made by the members of the Athenæum in recognition of the services rendered by your Librarian as Honorary Secretary to that Society, and in noting this the Committee cannot refrain from testifying to the zeal and ability with which Mr. Pacy has discharged his duties as Librarian, not only to the entire satisfaction of the Committee but also to that of the public generally.

Increased funds are required, not only for the purchase of new books, but for replacing the ever increasing number of worn out volumes. At the present time over 300 of the latter are withdrawn from circulation, a state of things which causes great dissatisfaction and disappointment to readers. A considerable sum of money is necessary for the binding of sets of periodicals and other works; money is also needed to cover the cost of compiling and printing complete catalogues, and the attention of the Council is drawn to the urgent necessity for increased shelving and store-room, as well as for the repair, cleaning, and re-decoration of the building fabric.

A list of donations to the Institution during the year is appended to this Report, and to the various donors the Committee accord their thanks.

Signed on behalf of the Committee,

FREDK. TREVOR, *Chairman.*

6th May, 1891.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 25th MARCH, 1891.

LOAN ACCOUNT.

Dr.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To amounts brought forward from last account :—						
On Loan of £1000 for purchase of Site, raised by Debentures issued April, 1880, repayable in twenty years	500	0	0			
On Loan of £2000 for Building, &c., raised July, 1880	2000	0	0			
On Loan of £300 for repaying sums expended on Capital Account, raised January, 1883	300	0	0			
On Loan of £1100 for Extension of Library, raised on 6th April, 1886	1028	6	0			
On Loan of £200 for Extension of Library, raised on 27th July, 1886	200	0	0			
				4028	6	0
				£4028	6	0

Cr.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
By amounts repaid during the year :—						
Debenture (January, 1891)	50	0	0			
United Kingdom Temperance and General Provident Institution	22	7	7			
				72	7	7
Balance carried forward :—						
Debentures outstanding	450	0	0			
Loans outstanding (Mr. Mack)	2500	0	0			
,, ,, (United Kingdom Temperance Institution)	1005	18	5			
				3955	18	5
				£4028	6	0

GENERAL ACCOUNT.

Dr.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To Balance in hand at Lady Day, 1890, brought forward :—						
Treasurer	26	12	7			
Librarian	15	7	4½			
				41	19	11½
Received from Rates at 1d. in the pound (1889-90)	188	17	7			
,, ,, (1890-91)	484	1	2			
Grant in aid of Rates (Crown Property)	2	16	10			
				675	15	7
Library Receipts :—						
Fines	71	1	10			
Damaged and Lost Books	3	10	4			
Catalogues sold (old)	1	14	0			
Ditto (supplementary)	3	1	3			
Periodicals sold	3	2	7½			
Waste Paper, &c., sold	2	2	6			
				84	12	6½
Grant from Richmond Athenæum				10	10	0
Donation for purchase of *Truth*				0	10	10
Donations for purchase of Books				5	14	0
Voluntary Rate (1890-1) Proceeds of				147	2	3
				£966	5	2

Cr.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
By Instalments of Loans repaid	72	7	7			
Interest on Loans	164	11	9			
				236	19	4
Salaries of Librarian and Assistants				229	19	9
Books	76	13	6½			
Periodicals	20	0	9			
Newspapers	37	11	1			
Binding Books	58	4	6			
				142	9	10½
Printing Annual Report				6	10	0
Printing	2	10	0			
Stationery	9	1	9			
Postages, Carriage of Parcels, &c	5	2	8			
Borrowers' Tickets and Indicator Books	2	19	0			
				19	13	5
Coal, Coke, and Wood	10	15	10			
Gas	56	1	4			
Porter's Wages and Cleaning	72	1	5			
				138	18	7
Repairs to Buildings, Furniture, and Fittings				41	16	2
Fire and Glass Insurance				8	14	6
Subscription to Surrey Archæological Society				1	0	0
Porter's Uniform				10	2	6
Gardening and Sundries				1	6	0
Commission on General Rate collected				8	8	11
Voluntary Rate, Expenses connected with				15	12	6
				£861	11	6½
Balance carried forward :—						
In hands of Treasurer			87 3 2			
,, Librarian—Wages			8 15 6			
,, ,, Library Receipts			6 3 6			
,, ,, Petty Cash			2 11 5½			
			17 10 5¼			
				104	13	7¼
				£966	5	2

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

Liabilities.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Librarian's Salary				6	5	0
Books	6	19	4			
Periodicals	4	19	10			
Newspapers	9	16	6			
Bookbinding	8	7	11			
				30	3	7
Gas	15	16	11			
Coal, Coke, and Wood	6	13	0			
				22	9	11
Printing	0	4	4			
Stationery	1	2	11			
				1	7	3
Instalment of Loan and half-year's Interest				31	2	10
				91	8	7
Surplus				30	1	9½
				£121	10	4½

Assets.

				£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Balances at Lady Day :—									
In hands of Treasurer				87	3	2			
,, Librarian—Wages	8	15	6						
,, ,, Library Receipts	6	3	6						
,, ,, Petty Cash	2	11	5½	17	10	5½			
							104	13	7½
Rates uncollected at Lady Day, 1891 (net)							16	16	9
							£121	10	4½

W. PENN-LEWIS,

Borough Accountant.

23rd April, 1891.

Classification and Number of Volumes in the Library.

Shewing the increase during the Year ended 25th March, 1891.

Class Letter.	Classification of Books in the Lending Department.	No. of Vols. 1889-90.	No. of Vols. 1890-91.
A	Theology and Philosophy	629	516
B	Biography and Correspondence	823	785
C	History, Topography, Voyages, and Travels	1086	997
D	Law, Politics, Social Economy, &c.	181	170
E	Arts, Sciences, and Natural History	984	1003
F	Prose Fiction	2791	2857
G	Poetry, Drama, and Classics	516	563
H	Miscellaneous English Literature	441	459
I	Magazines and Reviews	713	719
J	Juvenile Literature	633	645
K	Foreign Literature	253	268
		9050	8982
	REFERENCE LIBRARY	7542	8094
	Total Volumes	16592	17076

Volumes lost or damaged, and replaced by Borrowers or Guarantors..... 20

Volumes withdrawn, being worn out or useless (115 from Lending Department and 1 from the Reference Library) 116

N.B.—The decrease in some classes as shown above is consequent upon withdrawals, re-classification, and the transfer of 282 volumes from the Lending Library to the Reference Library.

Table showing Total Issues for the nine years and nine months that the Library has been opened.

Year.	Theology and Philosophy.	Biography and Correspondence	History, Travels, &c.	Law, Politics, &c.	Arts and Sciences.	Fiction.	Poetry, Drama, and Classics.	Miscellaneous Literature.	Magazines and Reviews.	Juvenile Literature.	Foreign Literature.	Periodicals (Unbound Numbers).	Total Volumes.
1881-82 (9 months only).	1375	2414	5835	281	3523	42535	1351	1729	3245	4656	—	779	67723
1882-83	1356	2190	4960	298	3600	57726	1364	1399	5414	5639	—	1958	85904
1883-84	1104	2332	5206	323	3438	58543	1504	1570	5134	5194	—	2623	86971
1884-85	1143	2136	5120	328	3169	58272	1292	1366	5085	5321	—	2906	86138
1885-86	1416	2474	6291	449	3667	60922	1364	1851	5981	6147	—	4371	94933
1886-87	1394	2647	6141	349	4261	60054	1581	1909	5774	6340	—	3511	93961
1887-88	1331	2818	6569	537	3996	69465	1739	1789	7599	6521	—	3005	105369
1888-89	1366	3078	7453	510	3567	69999	1402	1964	7867	6659	—	3100	106965
1889-90	1185	3370	7561	456	3420	68237	1492	2301	6996	6234	1134	3601	105987
1890-91	1084	3189	5083	403	3267	63408	1559	1741	6659	5574	1324	3782	97073
TOTAL.....	12754	26648	60219	3934	35908	609161	14648	17619	59754	58285	2458	29636	931024

Total Number of Volumes borrowed from the Lending Library 849,354
Total Number of Volumes consulted in the Reference Library 81,670

931,024

Table of Issues in the Lending Library, 1890-91.

Month.	No. of days open.	Theology and Philosophy.	Biography and Correspondence.	History, Travels, &c.	Law, Politics, &c.	Arts and Sciences.	Fiction.	Poetry, Drama, and Classics.	Miscellaneous Literature.	Magazines and Reviews.	Juvenile Literature.	Foreign Literature.	Total Volumes.	Total Borrowers.
March ...	4	13	63	68	5	50	1093	23	21	118	113	31	1598	1496
April	20	69	323	335	15	241	5641	121	92	450	596	124	8007	7333
May	21	54	291	350	15	206	5529	100	89	462	560	94	7750	7197
June	21	47	240	355	24	151	4834	88	116	421	435	91	6802	6335
July	22	41	185	317	18	161	4835	69	82	369	413	109	6599	6095
August ..	10	41	90	134	5	91	2415	55	41	161	210	32	3275	3041
September	22	70	182	286	23	224	5603	90	104	410	451	85	7528	6933
October...	22	64	228	309	17	202	5781	131	105	414	440	97	7788	7202
November	21	77	315	311	13	226	6142	122	108	525	509	98	8446	7797
December	21	65	211	254	19	165	5148	91	80	434	482	95	7044	6453
January...	22	88	247	388	39	174	6118	116	112	502	540	111	8435	7897
February	20	97	250	384	20	180	5563	127	99	517	442	98	7777	7171
March ...	18	88	234	281	11	176	4706	98	101	412	383	111	6601	6103
Total	244	814	2859	3772	224	2247	63408	1231	1150	5195	5574	1176	87650	80963

Periodicals Issued for Home Reading - - - - 2630

Table of Issues in the Reference Library, 1890-91.

Month.	No. of Days open.	Theology and Philosophy.	Biography and Correspondence.	History, Travels, &c.	Law, Politics, &c.	Arts and Sciences.	Poetry, Drama, and Classics.	Miscellaneous Literature.	Magazines and Reviews.	Foreign Literature.	Total Volumes.	Total Readers.
March	4	4	12	20	0	12	6	8	11	1	74	64
April	20	14	33	86	28	57	37	40	114	17	426	358
May	21	25	19	132	20	51	23	35	154	13	472	359
June	21	25	20	77	12	61	28	68	124	11	426	348
July	22	31	25	149	17	80	39	60	134	12	547	440
August	10	28	32	69	15	73	27	43	66	10	363	290
September	22	42	42	141	14	121	21	57	113	17	568	445
October	22	21	24	128	12	138	23	34	166	11	557	343
November	21	12	25	119	11	130	27	52	111	7	494	344
December	21	16	10	100	11	59	9	31	160	9	405	310
January	22	14	18	106	15	85	28	59	128	15	468	407
February	20	23	40	93	10	93	32	65	103	13	472	355
March	18	15	30	91	14	60	28	59	80	12	369	298
Total	244	270	330	1311	179	1020	328	591	1464	148	5641	4361

File Volumes of Newspapers and Periodicals consulted - - - - 1152

Total Issues in Lending and Reference Libraries, 1890-91.

Month.	No. of days open.	Theology and Philosophy.	Biography and Correspondence.	History, Travels, &c.	Law, Politics, &c.	Arts and Sciences.	Fiction.	Poetry, Drama, and Classics.	Miscellaneous Literature.	Magazines and Reviews.	Juvenile Literature.	Foreign Literature.	Total Volumes.	Total Borrowers and Readers.	Daily Average of Issues.
March ...	4	17	75	88	5	62	1093	29	29	129	113	32	1672	1560	418
April	20	83	356	421	43	298	5641	158	132	564	596	141	8433	7691	422
May	21	79	310	482	35	257	5529	123	124	616	560	107	8222	7556	392
June	21	72	260	432	36	212	4834	116	184	545	435	102	7228	6683	344
July	22	72	210	466	35	241	4835	108	142	503	413	121	7146	6535	325
August ...	10	69	122	203	20	164	2415	82	84	227	210	42	3638	3331	364
September	22	112	224	427	37	345	5603	111	161	523	451	102	8096	7378	368
October...	22	85	252	437	29	340	5781	154	139	580	440	108	8345	7545	379
November	21	89	340	430	24	356	6142	149	160	636	509	105	8940	8141	426
December	21	81	221	354	30	224	5148	100	111	594	482	104	7449	6763	355
January ..	22	102	265	494	54	259	6118	144	171	630	540	126	8903	8214	405
February	20	120	290	477	30	273	5563	159	164	620	442	111	8249	7526	412
March ...	18	103	264	372	25	236	4706	126	140	492	383	123	6970	6401	387
Total	244	1084	3189	5083	403	3267	63408	1559	1741	6659	5574	1324	93291	85324	382

Number of Volumes issued	93,291
Unbound Numbers of Periodicals and File Volumes of Newspapers consulted	3,782
	97,073

Daily average.....	398
Population in 1890 (estimated)	22,800
Proportionate issue to each inhabitant	4·26

CLASSIFICATION OF BORROWERS

To whom Tickets have been issued during the Year 1890-91.

OCCUPATIONS.

Accountants	6
Actors	2
Agents and Collectors	9
Apprentices	18
Architects and Surveyors	13
Army and Navy Officers	19
Artists	19
Assistants and Salesmen	18
Auctioneers	6
Authors	2
Bakers and Confectioners	7
Barmaids	8
Barristers and Solicitors	10
Blacksmiths and Fitters	5
Boarding-House Keepers	8
Boatbuilders	3
Booksellers and Stationers	8
Bootmaker	1
Botanists	2
Bricklayers and Stonemasons	3
Builders	8
Butchers	4
Cabdriver	1
Cabinet Makers and Upholsterers	8
Carman	1
Carpenters and Joiners	14
Cellarmen	2
Chemists	3
Civil Servants	25
Clergy	12
Clerks	73
Clothiers	5
Coachmen	2
Domestic Servants	46
Drapers and Drapers' Assistants	40
Dressmakers and Milliners	39
Dyers	2
Engineers	14
Furniture Dealers	2
Gardeners and Florists	5
Grocers	23
Hairdresser	1
Inn Keepers	5
Ironmongers	4
Jewellers and Watchmakers	8
Journalists	6
Labourers	3
Ladies	738
Managers	9
Mechanics	10
Medical Men	10
Merchants and Manufacturers	15
Messengers	5
Milkmen	3
Music Teachers and Musicians	5
Nurses	7
Painters, Plumbers, and Decorators	15
Photographers and Photographic Artists	9
Police Officers	7
Polisher	1
Porters	2
Postmen	7
Printers	3
Railway Officials	4
Saddlers	2
Sanitary Inspector	1
Schoolmasters and Teachers	47
Scientists	3
Shipbroker	1
Students and Scholars	110
Tailors	7
Telegraphists	9
Tobacconist	1
Travellers	6
Waiter	1
Warehouseman	1
Waterman	1
Occupations not stated	156
	1,719

CLASSIFICATION OF BORROWERS—*(continued).*

Ages.	
Under 15	65
15 to 20	306
21 to 30	363
31 to 40	205
41 to 50	103
Above 50	107
Not stated	570
	1719

Burgesses and Non-Burgesses.	
Burgesses	460
Non-Burgesses	1259
	1719

Sexes.	
Males	745
Females	974
	1719

TOTAL NUMBER OF BORROWERS.

Since the Opening of the Library in 1881.

Borrowers joined Lending Library—	1881-82	3,180
,, ,, ,, ,,	1882-83	1,228
,, ,, ,, ,,	1883-84	2,060
,, ,, ,, ,,	1884-85	1,432
,, ,, ,, ,,	1885-86	1,907
,, ,, ,, ,,	1886-87	1,469
,, ,, ,, ,,	1887-88	1,926
,, ,, ,, ,,	1888-89	1,516
,, ,, ,, ,,	1889-90	1,772
,, ,, ,, ,,	1890-91	1,719
		18,209
Total cancelled		15,321
Actual number of Tickets in use 25th March, 1891		2,888

Tickets are only available for two years, after which they must be renewed.

MONTHLY SHILLING BOOK FUND.

BALANCE SHEET, 1890-91.

Dr.	£	s.	d.	Cr.	£	s.	d.
Balance brought forward ...	0	5	1	By Expenditure on the Purchase of Books (138 Volumes)...	21	12	1½
To Amount of Subscriptions received during the Year	20	3	0				
Balance carried forward ...	1	4	0½				
	£21	12	1½		£21	12	1½

Examined with the Vouchers and found correct,

J. ALABASTER.

6th May, 1891.

LIST OF SUBSCRIBERS.

Alabaster Mr J.
Boosey, Mrs. Cunningham
Brewer, Mr. F J.
Browne, Major General C. F.
Cave, Mr G
Clarke, Mr. F. W. A.
Cooper, Rev. Astley
Cooper, Mr J Astley
Cooper Dr. John
Dawson, Mr. J. B
Ellis, Sir J. Whittaker, Bart., M.P.
Ellis, Lady
Fenn, Dr.
Fuller, Mrs.
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Handley, Colonel
Headley, Rev. T. G.
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Hickman, Mr. E F.
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Hodgkin, Mr. J. Eliot
King, Mr E.
Koettlitz Mr. E. M. von
Napier, Mr. Macvey.
Nuthall, Colonel
Pinkerton, Mrs
Pycroft, Mr. G
Reid, Major J. H. S.
Reynolds, Mr. H. J., C.S I.
Roberts, Mr. Clarence A.
Robinson, Mr. F. D.
Simson. Mr. H. Frew
Tate, Mr R. C.
Trevor. Mr. F. G B.
Wallis Miss A.
Wallinger Mr. J. N. A.

DONATIONS.

	£	s.	d.
The Richmond Athenæum	10	10	0
University Extension Society—Kew and Richmond Centre (half-cost of *Lecky's History of England*)	2	0	6
Mr. James Alabaster, Richmond (to complete *The Speaker's Commentary*)	2	2	0
Mr. J. B. Hilditch, Richmond (for purchase of *Froude's History of England*)	1	11	6
Mr. J. J. Heath, Richmond (donation to Book Fund)	1	0	0

DONORS OF BOOKS, &c.

	VOLS.
Alabaster, Mr. J., Richmond	4
Alcock, Miss, Richmond	10
Anonymously presented	13
Bagshawe, Rev. Canon, D.D. (the author), Richmond	1
Barralet, Mr. T. C., Richmond	3
Batchelor, Mr. A., Richmond	2
Bell, G., and Sons, Messrs. (the publishers)	1
Blasby, Mrs., Kew	1
British Museum, Trustees of the - 9 volumes of Publications, and 34 parts of the Printed General Catalogue (in continuation).	
Buckle, Mrs., Richmond	6
Burt, Mr. Alderman C., Richmond	6
Buxton, Mr. Charles (per the Hon. Rollo Russell)	4
Canada, High Commissioner for	2
Carlile, Mr. E., Richmond	1
Cassell and Co., Messrs. (the publishers)	1
Casson, Mr. G., Richmond	1
Chalmers, Mr. Patrick, Wimbledon	2
Church, Professor A. H., Richmond	9
Church Defence Institution	2
Clark, Messrs. R. and R. (the publishers), Edinburgh—One Pamphlet.	
Cobbe, Miss Frances P. (the authoress)	1
Commissioner of Labour, U.S.	1
Cooper, Rev. Astley, Richmond	1
Cope, Messrs., Liverpool	4
Cotgreave, Mr. A.—One Pamphlet	
Crookes, Mr. Francis, Richmond—Photograph.	
Danson, Mr. J. I. (the author)	1
Davis, Mr. C. T., Wandsworth—M.S. Letter (for Surrey Collection).	
Dublin University—Calendar and Examination Papers.	
Duncan, Mr. G. W., Richmond	1
Durham University—Calendar.	
East London Institute for Home and Foreign Missions	1
Emerson, Dr. P. H. (the author), Bedford Park	1
Fabian Society	1
Footpath Preservation Society (National)—Annual Report.	

	VOLS
Forbes, Mr. James Staats	1
Foxwell, Mr. H. S. (the author)	1
Francis, Dr. W., Richmond	5
Ganthony, Mrs. Robert, Richmond	7
Griswold, Mr. W. M. (the author), Bangor, Maine	1
Guild of the Good Shepherd, Richmond	25
Harney, Mr. G. J., Richmond	1
Heddle, Mr. H. A. M.	18
Hertslet, Sir Edward, C.B. (the author), Richmond	6
Hilditch, Mr. J. B., Richmond	12
Hillman, Miss, Richmond	12
Hiscoke, Mr. J. G., Richmond	7
Hiscoke, Mr. W. J., Richmond	2
Hunter, Mr. A. C., Richmond	1
Hutt, Mr. T. J. C., Richmond—Three Local Pamphlets.	
India, Secretary of State for	1
Insurance Directory and Year Book. Presented by the Publishers.	
Irish Loyal and Patriotic Union	3
Irish Press Agency—Publications.	
Jackson, Mr. J. R. (the author), Richmond	1
Kershaw, Mr. S. W. (the author)—One Pamphlet.	
King, Mr. Edward, Richmond	33
Leigh Browne Trustees	1

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Catalogues :

Birmingham, Brentford, Croydon, Fulham, Leeds, Oxford (Radcliffe Library), Plymouth, St. Martin-in-the-Fields, Salford, Twickenham, Wandsworth, and Wigan.

Annual Reports :

Aberdeen, Aston, Battersea, Belfast, Birkenhead, Birmingham (Birmingham Free Libraries, and the Birmingham Library), Blackburn, Bolton. Bradford, Brentford, Brookline (Mass.). Cardiff, Chelsea, Cheltenham, Chester, Clapham, Clerkenwell, Clitheroe, Croydon, Derby. Ealing, Exeter (Devon and Exeter Museum), Folkestone, Glasgow (Mitchell Library, and Stirling's and Glasgow Public Library), Great Yarmouth, Halifax, Handsworth, Hanley, Hereford, Kensington, Kidderminster, Leamington, Leek (Nicholson Institute), Leicester, Liverpool, Manchester, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, New York (Maimonides Library), Northwich, Norwich, Paddington, Portsmouth, Preston, Putney, Rochdale, Rotherham, St. Helens, Salford. Sheffield, Southampon, Southport, Stafford, Stratford-on-Avon (Shakespeare Memorial Library), Swansea, Sydney (N.S. Wales), Toronto, Twickenham, Tynemouth, Walsall, Warrington, Wednesbury, West Bromwich, Westminster, Whitehaven, Wigan, Wimbledon, and Wolverhampton.

Lockwood, Crosby, and Son, Messrs.	1
London, Corporation of	1
London City Mission—Annual Report.	
McEwan, Mr., Richmond	1
Miller, Mr. W. J. C., Richmond	7
Mumbray, Mr. R. G., Richmond	2
Napier, Mr. Macvey, Richmond	1
National Sunday League—Annual Report.	

	VOLS.
New South Wales, Agent-General for	2
Newhall, Mr. H. G., San Francisco	14
News, The, (Annual Volume). Presented by the Publishers	
Patents, Controller-General of	7
Phillipson, Mr. G. (the publisher), Kingston-on-Thames	1
Pinkerton, Mrs., Sutton, Surrey	1
Powell, Mrs., New Hampton – Several Volumes of Magazines.	
Pycroft, Mr. G., Richmond—One volume, and Four Local Prints.	
Richmond Hospital—Annual Report.	
Richmond Union—Annual Statement.	
Richmond and Petersham Sanitary Aid Association—Annual Report (2 copies)	
Robinson, Mr. Alderman F. D., Richmond	28
Rogers, Mrs. Sydney J., Richmond	1
Rolfe, Mr. R. A. (the author), Richmond—Two Pamphlets.	
St. Andrew's Waterside Church Mission—Annual Report.	
Shorthouse, Mr. E. (the author)	2
Smith, Mr. J. Challoner, Richmond	13
Smithsonian Institution, Washington, U.S.—Publications.	
Smythe, Mr. H. G., Richmond	2
South, Mr. H. J., Richmond	1
Stationery Office, H.M.—Parliamentary Reports.	
Stock, Mr. Elliot (the publisher)	1
Strickland, Mr. W. W.	5
Surrey Archæological Society	5
Surrey County Council – Minutes of Council and Reports of Committees.	
Swedenborg Society—Annual Report.	
Tayler, Mr. N. M., Richmond	1
Taylor, Miss A., Richmond	3
Taynton, Mr. R. W., Richmond	4
Taynton, Mrs., Richmond	3
Technical and Secondary Education, National Association for Promotion of—Annual Report.	
Thompson, Mr. G. C. (the author)	2
Trevor, Mr. F. G. B., Richmond	1
Tucker, Captain C.	1
Twining, Mr. T., Twickenham	1
Victoria Street Society	1
Waifs and Strays, Church of England Society for Providing Homes for—Annual Report.	
Washington, U.S. Bureau of Education—Circulars of Information and Reports.	
Whish, Mr. G. T., Richmond	2
White, Miss J. M. R., Richmond	7
Willing and Co., Messrs.	1
Wootton, Mr. W., Kew—Richmond Local Acts, 1766, 1785, 1849.	

DONORS OF NEWSPAPERS AND PERIODICALS.

Alabaster, Mr. J., Richmond	1
Alcock, Mr. C. W., Richmond	2
Anonymous	5
Barralet, Mr. T. C., Richmond	1
Carillon, Mr. J. W., Richmond	1
Carlile, Mr. E., Richmond	4
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Cooper, Rev. A., Richmond	1
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Hornby, Mr. A., Richmond	1
Imperial Federation League	1
Jackson, Mr. J. R, Richmond	1
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Keene, Mr. H., Richmond	2
King Mr. E., Richmond	12
Lawrence, Rev. R., Richmond	1
Menzies, Mrs. S.	1
Miller, Mr. W. J. C., Richmond	5
Morgan, Mr. O. V., M.P.	1
National Sunday League	1
Pierce, Mr. G B., Richmond	1
Power, Miss, Richmond	3
Richmond Industrial Co-operative Society	1
Robinson, Mr. J., junior, Richmond	1
Russell, Lady Agatha, Richmond	1
Safford, Mrs., Richmond	1
Sunday Society	1
Tipping, Mr. E. P., Richmond	1
Todd, Miss G., Richmond	1
University Extension Society (Kew and Richmond Centre)	1
Whish, Mr. G. T., Richmond	1
Wootton, Mr. W., Kew	1
Young Men's Christian Institute, Richmond	1

Newspapers, Periodicals, &c, taken in the Library.

*Those marked * presented by Private Individuals, and those marked † by Publishers or Proprietors.*

DAILIES.

Daily Chronicle
*Daily Graphic
Daily News
Daily Telegraph
Echo
†Financial Times
Globe
Morning Post
Pall Mall Gazette
St. James' Gazette
†Sportsman
Standard
Standard (Evening)
Star
Times

WEEKLIES.

Academy
All the Year Round
†Alliance News
†Ally Sloper's Half Holiday
†Amateur Photographer
†American Settler
†Architect
Army and Navy Gazette
Athenæum
*Australasian
*Banner of Israel
†Barnsley Chronicle
†Belgian News
†Bicycling News
†British Architect
*British Medical Journal
*British Weekly
†Broad Arrow
Builder
†Builder's Weekly Reporter
Building News
†Bullionist
†Canadian Gazette
Chamber's Journal

WEEKLIES *—continued.*

*Christian
†Christian Herald
†Christian World
*Church Army Gazette
†Church Bells
*Church Times
†Civil Service Times
†Civilian
†Colonies and India
*Cricket
†Croydon Guardian
†Cyclist
†Dover Express
†Draper's Record
†Electrical Review
†Electrician
*Empire (Toronto)
Engineer
†Engineering
English Mechanic
Era
†European Mail
†Feathered World
Field
*Fishing Gazette
Fun
†Garden Work
*Gardener's Chronicle
†Gardening World
†Grantham Journal
Graphic
Guardian
†Hackney Carriage Guardian
†Hastings and St. Leonard's Times
†Horticulture, Journal of,
*Hospital Gazette
Illustrated London News
†Inquirer
†Insurance Monitor
†Insurance Record
†Invention
†Investors' Guardian
†Irish Times
†Iron
†Jewish Standard
†Jewish World
Judy
†Kensington Society (late Kensington Weekly Advertiser)
†Kentish Mail (late Greenwich and Deptford Observer)
†Kingston and Surbiton News
*Labour World
Lady
Lady's Pictorial
*Lancet
*Land and Water
†Literary World
†Live Stock Journal
†Local Government Chronicle
†Lock to Lock Times
†London
†Lytham Times
†Man of the World
*Medical Press
†Metropolitan
†Middlesex Chronicle
†Middlesex County Times
†Middlesex Independent
†Middlesex Mercury
†Midland Counties Herald
†Modern Society
†Money
†Montreal Weekly Witness
†Musical Standard
Nature
*Newcastle Chronicle
†News
†News of the World
*Notes and Queries
†Overland Mail
*Pastime
†People (two copies)
†Phonetic Journal
†Poultry
†Primrose League Gazette
Public Opinion
Publishers' Circular
Punch
†Putney and Wandsworth Borough News
Queen
†Railway News
†Railway Review
†Reading Mercury
†Refreshment News
†Richmond and Twickenham Times (four copies)
†Richmond Express (three copies)
†Richmond Herald (four copies)
*Rock
Saturday Review
Scotsman
†Somerset County Herald
†South London Press
†Southport Visitor
†South Western Star
Spectator
Stage
†Sunday Times
†Surrey Advertiser
†Surrey Comet (three copies)
†Surrey Times
†Temperance Chronicle
*Temperance Record
†Thames Valley Times (four copies)

WEEKLIES—*continued.*

†Timber Trades Journal
†Vanity Fair
*Weekly Register
†West London Observer
†Whitehall Review
†Worcester Herald
World

FORTNIGHTLIES.

†Brewers' Guardian
†Charity Record
†Present Truth

MONTHLIES.

†Animal World
Antiquary
Argosy
Art Journal
*Baptist Messenger
Belgravia
†Bible Advocate
†Biblewomen and Nurses
*Bibliothèque Universelle et Revue Suisse
Blackwood's Magazine
†Bookseller
†Boys' Own Paper
†Bric-à-Brac
*British Flag
British Workman
†Building World
Cabinet Maker
Cassell's Magazine
Century Magazine
*†City Mission Magazine (two copies)
Contemporary Review
Cornhill Magazine
†Deane's Illustrated Journal, Richmond (two copies)
*Earthen Vessel and Gospel Herald
*Educational Times
*English Illustrated Magazine
†Family Herald
Fortnightly Review
†Free Russia
†Free Sunday Advocate
*Friendly Leaves
*Friendly Work
*Geographical Society, Royal, Proceedings of,
*Girls' Friendly Society's Journal
†Girls' Own Paper
Good Words
†Greater Britain
Harper's Magazine
†Imperial Federation
†Indent
†India
†Insurance and Banking
†Inventor
*Kew Gardens Wesleyan Chapel Magazine
*Knowledge
†Lady's Magazine
†Mrs. Leach's Children's Dressmaker
†Mrs. Leach's Family Dressmaker
†Mrs Leach's Fancy Work Basket
†Leisure Hour
*Liberal Unionist
†Liberator
Library
*Life Boat Journal
London Society
†Machinery Market
*Macmillan's Magazine
†Magic Lantern Journal
†Miller
Murray's Magazine
†Musical Herald
†Musical Times
†Musicians, Professional, Monthly Journal of
†Myra's Fashion Journal
†Myra's Threepenny Journal
National Review
*National Temperance Mirror
†Nature Notes (two copies)
*New Review
*Night and Day
Nineteenth Century
†Novel Reader
†Our Institute (Richmond)
†Our Own Gazette
*Our Waifs and Strays
†Oxford Shorthand Chronicle
†Plumber and Decorator
†Practical Patentee
†Practical Photographer
†Protestant Observer
†Public Health
Quiver
†Railway Official Gazette
*Review of Reviews

MONTHLIES.—*continued.*

†Seamen, Register of Names, &c., of deceased
†Southall Post
†Specialities (for Architects, Surveyors, and Engineers)
†Stationer, Printer, and Fancy Trades Register
†Sun
Sunday at Home
Sylvia's Journal
†Tailor and Cutter
Temple Bar
*Theatre
†University Correspondent
*University Extension Journal
†Vaccination Inquirer
†Vegetarian Messenger
†Weldon's Bazaar of Children's Fashions
†Weldon's Illustrated Dressmaker
†Weldon's Journal of Costumes
†Weldon's Ladies' Journal
*Wesleyan Methodist Magazine
†Young Ladies' Journal
†Zoophilist

QUARTERLIES.

Edinburgh Review
†Educational Record
English Historical Review
*Geologists' Association, Proceedings of
*Quarterly Return of Births, Deaths, and Marriages
Quarterly Review
†Sunday Review

RAILWAY TIME TABLES.

Bradshaw
†Caledonian
†District
†Great Eastern
†Great Northern
†Great Western
†London, Brighton, and South Coast
†London, Chatham, and Dover
†London and North Western
†London and South Western
†Metropolitan
†Midland
†North London
†South Eastern

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COMMITTEE AND OFFICERS, 1891-92.

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MR. COUNCILLOR W. THOMPSON.

MR. COUNCILLOR T. F. WAKEFIELD.

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ALBERT A. BARKAS.

Sub-Librarian:

A. W. CROCKFORD.

Assistants:

A. G. BURT. C. ROCHESTER.

Attendant:

WILLIAM KIRBY.

**Deceased April 17th, 1892.*

Eleventh Annual Report

OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE

RICHMOND FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY.

To the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of Richmond, Surrey—

GENTLEMEN,

The Committee have pleasure in submitting their Eleventh Annual Report.

There have been added to the Library during the year, 834 volumes, of which 665 have been placed in the Lending Library and 169 in the Reference Library. Of worn-out and useless books, 248 have been withdrawn, leaving a total of 17,662 volumes in the Library as compared with 17,076 last year.

The issues from the Lending Department during the year numbered 82,586 volumes, and in the Reference Department 5,247 volumes. Adding the issues of back numbers of periodicals and reviews, the total issue was 91,389 volumes, etc., a decrease as compared with 97,073 in the previous year. Several causes have contributed to this result. At the beginning of the year 1892 very few recent books were added; for the last two years the Library has been without a complete catalogue; and during the compilation of the new catalogue it was found necessary from time to time to suspend the issue of whole classes of books. The Committee are satisfied that these circumstances fully account for the decrease. It is satisfactory to add that, on the other hand, there was a considerable increase in the issues of three of the more serious classes of literature, viz. :—Theology and Philosophy, Law and Politics, and Periodical Literature (including the Reviews).

It is not possible to give a full statement of the issues of books in the Reference Library, as a large number of readers avail themselves of the 68 books of reference placed on the open shelves;

it may reasonably be assumed, however, that the recorded figures (5,247 volumes) do not represent more than half the use made of this department.

The daily average issue during 1891-92 was 371, and the proportionate issue to each inhabitant yearly 4·02. Since the establishment of the Library in 1881, 1,022,413 volumes have been placed in the hands of readers, and a study of the tables, which have appeared in successive reports, giving particulars of the occupations of borrowers, conclusively proves that the privileges of the Library are shared by all sorts and conditions of people. An idea of the large number of readers who daily make use of the various departments is given by the results of a census taken at the beginning of March, 1892, when it was ascertained that on the 5th of that month, being a Saturday (which is always the busiest day of the week), the total attendance was 1,558 persons, and on the following Tuesday the number recorded was 1,074.

Readers will be glad to learn that the new edition of the Catalogue of the Lending Department is now in the hands of the printers, and is expected to be completed by the end of June of the present year. As soon as this Catalogue is printed, and issued, the Librarian hopes to devote his energies to the classification and arrangement of the 8,397 volumes in the Reference Department, with a view to the preparation of a new and complete Catalogue of the same.

As a result of the annual stock-taking, only one book was reported missing—a copy of Dickens' *Pickwick Papers*. By default of borrowers leaving the town, four volumes have been lost.

The Committee have been enabled to devote during the past year a sum of £104 11s. 11d. to the purchase of 509 volumes of recent literature, all of which will be included in the new Catalogue. An additional expenditure of £45 13s. 4d. was incurred in replacing 424 copies of popular works entirely worn out. These heavy but necessary expenses have exhausted the funds after allowing for outstanding liabilities. It is therefore urgent that the friends of the Institution should continue liberally to

contribute to the special sources of income, either in the form of the Voluntary Rate, the Monthly Shilling Book Fund, or in donations of Money or Books. In all these there is a falling off, which the Committee view with considerable anxiety, and they again take this opportunity of impressing their needs upon the public.

The issue of Corporation Stock has enabled the Council, at a cost of £3,734 16s. 11d., bearing interest at 3 per cent., to redeem four loans amounting to £3,482 12s. 9d., which stood at 4 per cent., leaving of the old loans only £400, which will be paid off in the course of eight years. This result is very satisfactory, as not only was there no sinking fund provided for the liquidation of three of the redeemed loans amounting to £2,500, but also the annual charges to the Library in respect of the loans will be reduced.

The Committee tender their best thanks to the Town Council for having agreed to carry out some necessary additions and repairs to the Library building, including its cleaning and re-decoration.

In July last, Mr. Frank Pacy resigned his position of Librarian on his appointment to the Librarianship of the Public Libraries of St. George, Hanover Square. The Committee received his resignation with great regret, and placed upon record at the time their unqualified approval of the zeal and ability with which he had discharged the duties of his office during the seven years of his service. The vacancy was filled by the unanimous appointment, from a large number of candidates, of Mr. Albert A. Barkas, Senior Assistant of the Birmingham Free Libraries.

The Committee desire to express their sense of the great loss the Library has sustained by the lamented death, after a brief illness, of Mr. Councillor H. W. Rydon, on Easter Day, the 17th April, 1892. Mr. Rydon was a warm and generous supporter of the Library, and a most active member of the Committee since its establishment in the year 1879.

In conclusion, it only remains for the Committee to convey their grateful thanks to the various donors during the past year.

Signed on behalf of the Committee,

F. G. B. TREVOR, *Chairman.*

May 4th, 1892.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 25th MARCH, 1892.

LOAN (OR CAPITAL) ACCOUNT.

Dr.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
To Amounts brought forward from last Account :—		
On Loan of £1,000 for purchase of Site, raised by Debentures issued April, 1880, repayable in twenty years	450 0 0	
On Loan of £2,000 for Building, &c., raised July, 1880	2000 0 0	
On Loan of £300 for repaying sums expended on Capital Account, raised January, 1883 ..	300 0 0	
On Loan of £1,100 for Extension of Library, raised on 6th April, 1886	1005 18 5	
On Loan of £200 for Extension of Library, raised on 27th July, 1886	200 0 0	
		3955 18 5
Stock issued 24th February, 1892 (in lieu of Loans redeemed—including compensation for redemption), for twenty-eight years		3734 16 11
		£7690 15 4

Cr.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
By Amounts repaid during the year :—		
Debenture (January, 1892)	50 0 0	
United Kingdom Temperance and General Provident Institution	23 5 8	
		73 5 8
Loans redeemed :—		
Mr. Mack's	2500 0 0	
United Kingdom Temperance and General Provident Institution	982 12 9	
		3482 12 9
Balance carried forward :—		
Debentures	400 0 0	
Stock	3734 16 11	
		4134 16 11
		£7690 15 4

INCOME AND EXPENSES ACCOUNT.

Dr.

Income.	Assets at Lady Day, 1891. £ s. d.	Income for Year 1891-92. £ s. d.	Totals. £ s. d.
To Balance in hand at Lady Day, 1891, brought forward	104 13 7½		104 13 7½
Balance of 1890-91 Rate at 1d. in the £	195 5 3		
Arrears of old Rates collected ..	0 8 5		
Grant in aid of Rates (Crown Property)	1 8 5		197 2 1
Borough Fund—Estimated proceeds of Rate at 1d. in the £ for 1891-92		700 0 0	700 0 0
Library Receipts :—			
Fines		71 14 11	
Damaged and Lost Books		2 2 1	
Catalogues sold		2 12 0	
Periodicals sold		4 16 11	
Waste Paper, &c., sold		1 10 6	82 16 5
Donation for purchase of Books, &c. ..		3 4 3	3 4 3
Books destroyed—Returned from persons suffering from Infectious Diseases		2 18 6	2 18 6
Voluntary Rate—1891-92—Proceeds of		127 7 10	127 7 10
	301 15 8½	916 7 0	
			£1218 2 8½

Cr.

Expenses.	Liabilities at Lady Day, 1891. £ s. d.	Expenses for Year 1891-92. £ s. d.	Totals. £ s. d.
By Instalments of Loans repaid	11 10 6	61 15 2	
Interest on Loans	19 12 4	175 19 9	268 17 9
Salaries of Librarian and Assistants	6 5 0	234 1 5	240 6 5
Books	6 19 4	157 10 6	
Periodicals	4 19 10	16 9 10	
Newspapers	9 16 6	44 19 2	
Binding Books	8 7 11	87 17 8	337 0 9
Printing Annual Report		6 10 0	6 10 0
Printing	0 4 4	13 0 0	
Stationery, Dies, Plates, &c.	1 2 11	21 18 2½	
Advertisements		1 3 0	
Postages, Carriage of Parcels, &c. ..		8 1 3	
Borrowers' Tickets and Indicator Books		7 1 0	52 10 8½
New Catalogues (on Account of Preparing and Printing)		76 5 0	76 5 0
Coal, Coke, and Wood	6 13 0	11 16 0	
Gas	15 16 11	63 19 4	
Porter's Wages and Cleaning		77 9 0	175 14 3
Repairs to Furniture and Fittings ..		21 3 3½	21 3 3½
Fire Insurance (Books, &c.)		2 0 0	2 0 0
Subscriptions to Library Association ..		2 2 0	2 2 0
Expenses of Candidates for Librarianship		5 15 6	5 15 6
Gardening and Sundries		2 10 7	2 10 7
Fidelity Guarantee Premium (Librarian)		0 5 0	0 5 0
Voluntary Rate—Rate, &c., Books and Fees to Collectors		18 13 6	18 13 6
	91 8 7	1118 6 2	1209 14 9
Balance—Surplus of Income—at Lady Day, 1892			8 7 11½
			£1218 2 8½

ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AT LADY DAY, 1892.

Dr. Liabilities.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
To Debentures "G" outstanding	400 0 0	
Stockholders	3734 16 11	
		4134 16 11
Floating Liabilities :—		
Sundry Creditors		190 12 2
Balance (being excess of Assets) :—		
Property	4465 3 1	
Surplus of Income—See Income and Expenses Account for 1891-92	8 7 11½	
		4473 11 0½
		£8799 0 1½

Cr. Assets.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
By Property :—		
Library Site, Buildings and Fittings	4600 0 0	
Value of Books, Maps, &c.	4000 0 0	
		8600 0 0
Floating Assets :—		
Librarian—Balance in hand on Library Receipts Account	5 10 1	
Ditto ditto Wages Account	10 4 0	
Ditto ditto Petty Cash Account	2 1 4½	
Borough Treasurer—Cash at Bank..	181 4 8	
		199 0 1½
		£8799 0 1½

21st April, 1892.

W. PENN-LEWIS,
Borough Accountant.

Classification and Number of Volumes in the Library,

Shewing the increase during the Year ended 25th March, 1892.

Class Letter.	Classification of Books in the Lending Department.	No. of Vols. 1890-91.	No. of Vols. 1891-92.
A	Theology and Philosophy	516	557
B	Biography and Correspondence	785	878
C	History, Topography, Voyages, and Travels	997	1113
D	Law, Politics, Social Economy, &c.	170	184
E	Arts, Sciences, and Natural History	1003	977
F	Prose Fiction	2857	2886
G	Poetry, Drama, and Classics	563	536
H	Miscellaneous English Literature	459	456
I	Magazines and Reviews	719	739
J	Juvenile Literature	645	617
K	Foreign Literature	268	322
		8982	9265
	REFERENCE LIBRARY	8094	8397
	Total Volumes	17076	17662

Volumes lost or damaged, and replaced by Borrowers or Guarantors..... 10

Volumes withdrawn, being worn out or useless (247 from Lending Department and 1 from the Reference Library)..... 248

Volumes lost by default (Lending Library)..... 4

N.B.—The decrease in some classes as shown above is consequent upon withdrawals, re-classification, and the transfer of 137 volumes from the Lending Library to the Reference Library.

Table showing Total Issues for the ten years and nine months that the Library has been opened.

Year.	Theology and Philosophy.	Biography and Correspondence	History, Travels, &c.	Law, Politics, &c.	Arts and Sciences.	Fiction.	Poetry, Drama, and Classics.	Miscellaneous Literature.	Magazines and Reviews.	Juvenile Literature.	Foreign Literature.	Periodicals (Unbound Numbers).	Total Volumes.
1881-82 (9 months only).	1375	2414	5835	281	3523	42535	1351	1729	3245	4656	—	779	67723
1882-83	1356	2190	4960	298	3600	57726	1364	1399	5414	5639	—	1958	85904
1883-84	1104	2332	5206	323	3438	58543	1504	1570	5134	5194	—	2623	86971
1884-85	1143	2136	5120	328	3169	58272	1292	1366	5085	5321	—	2906	86138
1885-86	1416	2474	6291	449	3667	60922	1364	1851	5981	6147	—	4371	94933
1886-87	1394	2647	6141	349	4261	60054	1581	1909	5774	6340	—	3511	93961
1887-88	1331	2818	6569	537	3996	69465	1739	1789	7599	6521	—	3005	105369
1888-89	1366	3078	7453	510	3567	69999	1402	1964	7867	6659	—	3100	106965
1889-90	1185	3370	7561	456	3420	68237	1492	2301	6996	6234	1134	3601	105987
1890-91	1084	3189	5083	403	3267	63408	1559	1741	6659	5574	1324	3782	97073
1891-92	1045	2506	4935	430	3060	62239	1388	1480	5729	3873	1148	3556	91389
TOTAL.....	13799	29154	65154	4364	38968	671400	16036	19099	65483	62158	3606	33192	1022413

Total Number of Volumes borrowed from the Lending Library 934,693
Total Number of Volumes consulted in the Reference Library 87,720

1,022,413

Table of Issues in the Lending Library, 1891-92.

Month.	No. of days open.	Theology and Philosophy.	Biography and Correspondence.	History, Travels, &c.	Law, Politics, &c.	Arts and Sciences.	Fiction.	Poetry, Drama, and Classics.	Miscellaneous Literature.	Magazines and Reviews.	Juvenile Literature.	Foreign Literature.	Total Volumes.	Total Borrowers.
March ...	2	11	39	48	4	26	774	16	8	71	59	21	1077	984
April	22	94	211	341	28	185	6029	91	115	518	516	143	8271	7617
May	20	71	188	328	30	182	5659	67	79	516	425	98	7643	7002
June	22	71	171	245	30	149	5128	120	64	404	354	63	6799	6294
July	22	54	136	231	28	155	4495	87	54	275	163	71	5749	5293
August ...	11	34	87	110	8	92	2750	34	42	105	4	29	3295	3029
September	22	55	162	235	11	182	5433	70	73	302	0	65	6588	6103
October...	22	73	199	265	20	190	5819	101	82	378	371	83	7581	7074
November	21	83	222	276	19	219	5667	100	99	397	426	55	7563	7037
December	22	62	198	253	28	165	4814	97	76	407	376	79	6555	6130
January...	21	83	194	328	20	186	5530	90	71	460	454	75	7491	6981
February	21	88	264	405	28	210	5683	92	83	454	417	100	7824	7312
March ...	18	76	201	331	14	193	4458	74	87	321	308	87	6150	5781
Total	246	855	2272	3396	268	2134	62239	1039	933	4608	3873	969	82586	76637

Periodicals Issued for Home Reading . . 2753

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March	2	6	5	13	1	5	2	2	6	3	43	35
April	22	16	17	166	15	86	31	45	111	12	499	418
May	20	12	20	112	10	99	27	24	71	14	389	277
June	22	20	14	84	16	55	60	31	47	14	341	268
July	22	27	25	80	9	91	48	22	74	17	393	303
August	11	15	18	135	11	66	15	39	121	13	433	383
September	22	20	39	135	13	65	20	44	111	12	459	385
October	22	14	17	120	14	77	31	97	131	16	517	444
November	21	11	21	158	16	93	16	70	98	14	497	406
December	22	16	17	123	11	71	21	34	93	16	402	334
January	21	15	21	144	10	82	22	49	115	25	483	419
February	21	8	10	126	16	55	28	38	59	10	350	281
March	18	10	10	143	20	81	28	52	84	13	441	364
Total	246	190	234	1539	162	926	349	547	1121	179	5247	4317

File Volumes of Newspapers and Periodicals consulted - - - - 803

Total Issues in Lending and Reference Libraries, 1891-92.

Month.	No. of days open.	Theology and Philosophy.	Biography and Correspondence.	History, Travels, &c.	Law, Politics, &c.	Arts and Sciences.	Fiction.	Poetry, Drama, and Classics.	Miscellaneous Literature.	Magazines and Reviews.	Juvenile Literature.	Foreign Literature.	Total Volumes.	Total Borrowers and Readers.	Daily Average of Issues.
March ...	2	17	44	61	5	31	774	18	10	77	59	24	1120	1019	560
April	22	110	228	507	43	271	6029	122	160	629	516	155	8770	8035	399
May	20	83	208	440	40	281	5659	94	103	587	425	112	8032	7279	402
June	22	91	185	329	46	204	5128	180	95	451	354	77	7140	6562	325
July	22	81	161	311	37	246	4495	135	76	349	163	88	6142	5596	279
August ...	11	49	105	245	19	158	2750	49	81	226	4	42	3728	3412	339
September	22	75	201	370	24	247	5433	90	117	413	0	77	7047	6488	320
October...	22	87	216	385	34	267	5819	132	179	509	371	99	8098	7518	368
November	21	94	243	434	35	312	5667	116	169	495	426	69	8060	7443	384
December	22	78	215	376	39	236	4814	118	110	500	376	95	6957	6464	316
January ..	21	98	215	472	30	268	5530	112	120	575	454	100	7974	7400	380
February.	21	96	274	531	44	265	5683	120	121	513	417	110	8174	7593	389
March ...	18	86	211	474	34	274	4458	102	139	405	308	100	6591	6145	366
Total	246	1045	2506	4935	430	3060	62239	1388	1480	5729	3873	1148	87833	80954	357

Number of Volumes issued	87,833
Unbound Numbers of Periodicals and File Volumes of Newspapers consulted	3,556
	91,389

Daily average	371
Population in 1891.....	22,684
Proportionate issue to each inhabitant	4·02

CLASSIFICATION OF BORROWERS,

To whom Tickets have been issued during the year 1891-92.

OCCUPATIONS.

Accountants	7
Actor	1
Agents and Collectors	10
Apprentices	13
Architects and Surveyors	3
Army and Navy Officers	15
Artists	9
Assistants and Salesmen	30
Auctioneers	5
Authors	2
Bakers and Confectioners	5
Barmaids	2
Barristers and Solicitors	19
Basket Maker	1
Blacksmiths and Fitters	2
Boarding-House Keepers	7
Boatbuilders	3
Booksellers and Stationers	4
Bootmaker	1
Botanist	1
Bricklayers and Stonemasons	2
Builders	5
Butchers	2
Cabdriver	1
Cabinet Makers and Upholsterers	7
Carpenters and Joiners	13
Chemists	5
Civil Servants	10
Clergy	11
Clerks	77
Clothiers	3
Coachmen	3
Domestic Servants	37
Drapers and Drapers' Assistants	43
Dressmakers and Milliners	39
Electrician	1
Engineers	7
Engraver	1
Furniture Dealers	2
Gardeners and Florists	8
Grocers	10
Hairdressers	5
Inn Keepers	5
Ironmongers	4
Jewellers and Watchmakers	5
Journalists	10
Ladies	559
Managers	10
Mechanics	15
Medical Men	14
Merchants and Manufacturers	17
Messengers	12
Milkmen	2
Music Teachers and Musicians	7
Nurses	9
Painters, Plumbers, and Decorators	11
Photographers and Photographic Artists	10
Police Officers	2
Polisher	1
Porters	4
Postmen	6
Printers	3
Railway Officials	4
Saddler	1
Schoolmasters and Teachers	53
Scientist	1
Stockbrokers	3
Students and Scholars	69
Tailors	9
Telegraphists	5
Travellers	4
Waiters	2
Warehouseman	1
Watermen	3
Occupations not stated	197
	1490

CLASSIFICATION OF BORROWERS—(*Continued.*)

Ages.	
Under 15	50
15 to 20	276
21 to 30	309
31 to 40	148
41 to 50	114
Above 50	109
Not stated	484
	1490

Burgesses and Non-Burgesses.	
Burgesses	306
Non-Burgesses	1184
	1490

Sexes.	
Males	677
Females	813
	1490

TOTAL NUMBER OF BORROWERS

Since the Opening of the Library in 1881.

Borrowers joined Lending Library	1881-82	3,180
,, ,, ,, ,,	1882-83	1,228
,, ,, ,, ,,	1883-84	2,060
,, ,, ,, ,,	1884-85	1,432
,, ,, ,, ,,	1885-86	1,907
,, ,, ,, ,,	1886-87	1,469
,, ,, ,, ,,	1887-88	1,926
,, ,, ,, ,,	1888-89	1,516
,, ,, ,, ,,	1889-90	1,772
,, ,, ,, ,,	1890-91	1,719
,, ,, ,, ,,	1891-92	1,490
		19,699
Total cancelled		17,002
Actual number of Tickets in use 25th March, 1892		2,697

Tickets are only available for two years, after which they must be renewed.

MONTHLY SHILLING BOOK FUND.

BALANCE SHEET, 1891-92.

Dr.	£	s.	d.
To Amount of Subscriptions received during the year	13	14	0
	£13	14	0

Cr.	£	s.	d.
Balance brought forward ...	1	4	0½
Purchase of Books (49 volumes)	12	5	1
Balance carried forward.....	0	4	10½
	£13	14	0

Examined with the Vouchers and found correct.

JAMES ALABASTER.

4th April, 1892.

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	£	s.	d.
Mr. J. H. Master, J.P.	2	2	0
Richmond and Petersham Sanitary Aid Association (for the purchase of "*Our Homes and how to make them Healthy*")	0	11	3
	£2	13	3

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Alexander, Mr. E., Richmond	1
Anderson and Co., Messrs.	1
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Borough and County Advertising Company, Map of Richmond, 1892.	
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*British Weekly
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†Bullionist
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†Vaccination Inquirer
†Vegetarian Messenger
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†Good Templars' Guide
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†Midland
†North London
†South Eastern

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Twelfth Annual Report

OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE

RICHMOND FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY.

To the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of Richmond, Surrey—

GENTLEMEN,

The Committee, in presenting their Twelfth Annual Report, have much pleasure in recording the continued success of the Library.

The extension of the Borough in November last is an important event in the history of the Library, as it extends to the residents in the outlying districts the right to borrow books for home reading, and already it has produced a marked effect upon the work connected with the institution. On page 15 of this Report will be found tables which shew that 183 persons from the new districts have become borrowers at the Central Lending Department, *i.e.*, 126 from Kew, 30 from Petersham, and 27 from Mortlake. At the request of the Town Council, the Committee considered the possibility of establishing Branch Libraries, and a special sub-committee was appointed to report on the subject. A scheme was prepared, and has been adopted.

During the year there have been added to the Library 610 volumes, of which 161 were purchased and 449 presented. Deducting 135 volumes withdrawn, as worn out or duplicate, the total number now on the shelves is 18,137.

The total issue of books during 1892-93 was 92,421, or 1,032 more than the previous year. Owing to the Library being closed during April, 1892, for the purposes of cleaning and decorating, the gross issue was considerably lower than it otherwise would have been, and this is the more apparent when it is remembered that April is always one of the busiest months of the year. It is encouraging to note that in the Lending Department there has been a substantial increase in the issue of books of a more serious class of literature accompanied by a proportionate diminution in the issue of works of prose fiction. This is no doubt very largely due to the fact that towards the end of the year 1891-2 some 500 new works of an interesting and instructive character were added to the Library.

The Reference Library returns are also very satisfactory. There were 1,574 more volumes issued than last year, giving a daily average of 29·02, as against 21·32. These figures, however, do not represent the full use of this department, as some 70 volumes of reference are free of access, and no record is taken of the books consulted. The Committee observe with pleasure this growing tendency on the part of workers in the various branches of literary research to make use of the volumes in the Reference Library for purposes of study, and they hope during the coming year to strengthen this collection by purchasing additional standard works of reference which have been often asked for.

During the past year new tickets have been issued to 1,936 readers, as compared with 1,490 the year preceding. The actual number of tickets in use on the 25th March, 1893, was 2,847, shewing an increase of 150 as compared with the corresponding date last year.

During the time the Library was closed for cleaning all books were called in for the purpose of stocktaking, and a copy of Miss Braddon's "Hostages to Fortune," value 1s. 6d., was the only work unaccounted for. Although the year's working shews an issue of nearly 93,000 volumes, there have been no books lost by default of borrowers leaving the Borough, and the Committee are pleased to find that books injured or lost by readers have been promptly paid for. These facts shew the efficient administration of the Library and the estimation in which the institution is held by the borrowers. Some readers, however, give considerable trouble by not returning the books at the proper time, and this will be seen from the fact that over 8,000 fines have been paid for the detention of books beyond the specified time, whilst 1,261 circulars have been issued for the return of overdue books, as well as many personal applications made.

The binding and repairing of books form a serious item in the annual expenditure, no fewer than 1,086 volumes having been bound and resewn in addition to 5,875 volumes which have been repaired by the library assistants.

From time to time it is found absolutely necessary to replace a large number of popular works which have become too dilapidated for use. The number of volumes replaced this year has been 155 at a cost of £16 10s. 11d.

It is a matter for regret that the Committee have been unable to expend more money out of the funds for the purchase of new books, the sum of £24 9s. 6d. being all that could be spared for that purpose.

The large attendances in the News Room and Reading Room prove how great a want this institution has supplied, and the eagerness with which periodicals of the better class are enquired for and

read testifies to the educational value of these departments. It is estimated that the average daily attendance in these rooms is 1,200.

The New Catalogue of the Lending Library was published in June, 1892, and 810 copies have been sold. It is most desirable that the reading public should purchase this Catalogue, as it is a considerable help to the reader in selecting and to the assistants in rapidly supplying the books required.

The Librarian has re-arranged and re-classified the whole of the Reference Department, which consists of 8,607 volumes, and has taken the opportunity of adopting the "moveable location" system which greatly facilitates the serving of books. A catalogue of the Reference Library is being compiled, and Classes A, B and C, representing 2,700 volumes, have been exhaustively dealt with, and it is hoped that before another Report has been issued the whole of this collection will have been thoroughly catalogued.

In November last the constitution of the Library Committee was changed. The Town Council decided that members of the Council alone should be eligible for election on the Committee, whilst the number was increased from twelve to fourteen in order to provide for the representation of Kew and Petersham. In conclusion the Committee desire to express their warmest thanks to all who have contributed either in money, books, or periodicals, to the advancement of the work carried on by the Library, and they earnestly hope that others stimulated by their example may generously assist in rendering it in the future more and more useful and valuable to the inhabitants of the Borough.

Signed on behalf of the Committee,

T. W. TEMPANY, *Chairman.*

May 3rd, 1893.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 25th MARCH, 1893.

INCOME AND EXPENSES ACCOUNT.

Dr. Income.	£ s. d	£ s. d.
To Surplus at Lady Day, 1892, brought forward ..		8 7 11½
Arrears of old Rates collected	0 0 10	
Borough Fund—Balance of 1891-92 Rate at 1d. in the £	9 2 3	
Estimated proceeds of Rate at 1d. in the £ for 1892-93	710 0 0	
		719 3 1
Library Receipts :—		
Fines	66 13 7	
Damaged and Lost Books..	2 19 7	
Catalogues sold—Supplements (to 1885)	0 1 0	
New (1892)	19 5 6	
Juvenile Section (1892)	0 9 1	
Periodicals sold	6 11 3½	
Waste Paper sold	2 8 2	
		98 8 2½
Donations for Purchase of Books, &c.		2 19 2
Sale of Book Cases		3 10 0
Voluntary Rate—1892-93—Proceeds of		122 17 3
New Catalogues :—Sundry persons for Advertisements in new Catalogue		58 13 6
Deficiency at Lady Day, 1893		13 16 4
		£1027 15 6

Cr. Expenses.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
By Contribution to Stock Redemption Fund	86 1 4		
Debenture paid off, No. 194 "G"	50 0 0		
		136 1 4	
Interest on Stock and Loans		136 13 1	
			272 14 5
Salaries of Librarian and Assistants			216 18 0
Books—New	24 9 6		
Replacements	16 10 11		
		41 0 5	
Binding Books		55 6 8	
Periodicals		16 0 5	
Newspapers		44 14 11	
			157 2 5
Printing Annual Report			6 16 4
Printing		9 5 7	
Stationery, &c.		12 9 6	
Borrowers' Books		3 13 9	
Advertisement		0 2 0	
Postages, Carriage of Parcels, &c.		6 14 10	
			32 5 8
New Catalogues :—			
Balance of Cost of Printing		125 0 0	
Commission on Advertisements inserted in Catalogue		5 18 1	
Postages, Travelling Expenses, Carriage of Catalogues, &c.		3 5 4	
			134 3 5
Coal, Coke, and Wood		15 15 9	
Gas, Candles, and Matches		67 8 8½	
Porter's Wages and Cleaning		79 12 3½	
			162 16 9
Repairs to Furniture and Fittings		12 17 0	
Fire, Insurance (Books, &c.)			2 0 0
Subscription to Library Association and Surrey Archæological Society			1 11 0
Hire of Temporary Newsroom during Extension, &c., Works		3 0 0	
Rent of Librarian's Apartments ditto ..		8 16 11	
Expenses of Librarian's Removal		0 6 9	
Care of Library during Alterations		1 0 0	
			13 3 8
Gardening and Sundries			1 8 0
Porter's Clothes and Repairs			1 8 6
Fidelity Guarantee Premium (Librarian) ..			0 5 0
Voluntary Rate—Rate, &c., Books and Salary for Making and Collecting Rate..			12 5 4
			£1027 15 6

ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AT LADY DAY, 1893.

Dr. Liabilities.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
To Debenture "G" outstanding as per last year's Statement	400 0 0		
Less Debenture No. 194 G, since paid ..	50 0 0		
		350 0 0	
Stockholders — Stock outstanding as per last year's statement	3734 16 11		
Less Redeemed and Cancelled	24 7 9		
		3710 9 2	
		4060 9 2	
Less Amount in Stock Redemption Fund for extinction of Stock ..		63 8 0	
			3997 1 2
Floating Liabilities :—			
Sundry Creditors			119 7 5
Balance (being excess of Assets) :—			
Property	4564 0 4		
Stock Redemption Fund for extinction of Stock	63 8 0		
		4627 8 4	
Less Deficiency on Income and Expenses Account		13 16 4	
			4613 12 0
			£8730 0 7

Dr. Assets.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
By Property :—		
Library Site, Buildings and Fittings	4600 0 0	
Value of Books, Maps, &c.	4024 9 6	
		8624 9 6
Floating Assets :—		
Librarian—Balance in hand on Library Receipts Account..	7 9 6½	
Ditto ditto Wages Account	6 10 0	
Ditto ditto Petty Cash Account	1 5 9½	
Borough Treasurer—Cash at Bank	90 5 9	
		105 11 1
		£8730 0 7

14th April, 1893.

W. PENN-LEWIS, F.S.A.A.,
Borough Accountant.

Classification and Number of Volumes in the Library,

Shewing the increase during the Year ended 25th March, 1893.

Class Letter.	Classification of Books in the Lending Department.	No. of Vols. 1891-92.	No. of Vols. 1892-93.
A	Theology and Philosophy	557	579
B	Biography and Correspondence	878	924
C	History, Topography, Voyages, and Travels	1113	1152
D	Law, Politics, Social Economy, &c.	184	189
E	Arts, Sciences, and Natural History	977	1010
F	Prose Fiction	2886	2927
G	Poetry, Drama, and Classics	536	545
H	Miscellaneous English Literature	456	471
I	Magazines and Reviews	739	785
J	Juvenile Literature	617	615
K	Foreign Literature	322	333
		9265	9530
	REFERENCE LIBRARY	8397	8607
	Total Volumes	17662	18137

Volumes lost or damaged, and replaced by Borrowers or Guarantors..... 12

Volumes withdrawn, being worn out, useless, or duplicate, (26 from Lending Department and 109 from the Reference Library)..... 135

Volumes lost by default (Lending Library)..... 0

Table showing Total Issues for the eleven years and nine months that the Library has been opened.

Year.	Theology and Philosophy.	Biography and Correspondence	History, Travels, &c.	Law, Politics, &c.	Arts and Sciences.	Fiction.	Poetry, Drama, and Classics.	Miscellaneous Literature.	Magazines and Reviews.	Juvenile Literature.	Foreign Literature.	Periodicals (Unbound Numbers).	Total Volumes.
1881-82 (9 months only).	1375	2414	5835	281	3523	42535	1351	1729	3245	4656	—	779	67723
1882-83	1356	2190	4960	298	3600	57726	1364	1399	5414	5639	—	1958	85904
1883-84	1104	2332	5206	323	3438	58543	1504	1570	5134	5194	—	2623	86971
1884-85	1143	2136	5120	328	3169	58272	1292	1366	5085	5321	—	2906	86138
1885-86	1416	2474	6291	449	3667	60922	1364	1851	5981	6147	—	4371	94933
1886-87	1394	2647	6141	349	4261	60054	1581	1909	5774	6340	—	3511	93961
1887-88	1331	2818	6569	537	3996	69465	1739	1789	7599	6521	—	3005	105369
1888-89	1366	3078	7453	510	3567	69999	1402	1964	7867	6659	—	3100	106965
1889-90	1185	3370	7561	456	3420	68237	1492	2301	6996	6234	1134	3601	105987
1890-91	1084	3189	5083	403	3267	63408	1559	1741	6659	5574	1324	3782	97073
1891-92	1045	2506	4935	430	3060	62239	1388	1480	5729	3873	1148	3556	91389
1892-93	1146	2690	6035	411	3637	60213	1680	2080	5215	4512	1377	3425	92421
TOTAL.....	14945	31844	71189	4775	42605	731613	17716	21179	70698	66670	4983	36617	1114834

Total Number of Volumes borrowed from the Lending Library 1,019,545
Total Number of Volumes consulted in the Reference Library..... 95,289

1,114,834

Table of Issues in the Lending Library, 1892-93.

Month.	No. of days open.	Theology and Philosophy.	Biography and Correspondence.	History, Travels, &c.	Law, Politics, &c.	Arts and Sciences.	Fiction.	Poetry, Drama, and Classics.	Miscellaneous Literature.	Magazines and Reviews.	Juvenile Literature.	Foreign Literature.	Total Volumes.	Tota Borrowers.
MARCH ...	4	12	29	52	2	24	685	7	19	65	56	6	957	914
APRIL		Library	Closed.				Library	Closed.				Library	Closed.	
MAY	22	56	199	315	17	201	4564	73	93	274	275	94	6161	5753
JUNE	21	56	174	270	14	179	4453	53	87	318	289	121	6014	5703
JULY	21	62	165	278	13	188	4701	63	87	286	330	92	6265	5976
AUGUST ...	22	83	202	253	22	187	5278	101	100	243	465	90	7024	6594
SEPTEMBER	21	88	171	283	21	210	5362	86	99	276	393	83	7072	6638
OCTOBER...	22	104	228	326	24	276	5976	197	100	388	412	126	8157	7685
NOVEMBER	22	76	224	380	27	222	5912	135	149	386	492	134	8137	7693
DECEMBER	20	71	237	360	25	267	5672	108	139	385	456	122	7842	7392
JANUARY...	22	87	242	406	36	318	6174	121	147	424	484	113	8552	8046
FEBRUARY	20	102	270	429	19	330	6025	120	142	450	460	127	8474	7945
MARCH ...	18	96	225	398	32	237	5411	143	118	358	400	102	7520	7032
TOTAL	235	893	2366	3750	252	2639	60213	1207	1280	3853	4512	1210	82175	77371

Periodicals Issued for Home Reading - - - - 2677

Table of Issues in the Reference Library, 1892-93.

Month.	No. of Days open.	Theology and Philosophy.	Biography and Correspondence.	History, Travels, &c.	Law, Politics, &c.	Arts and Sciences.	Poetry, Drama, and Classics.	Miscellaneous Literature.	Magazines and Reviews.	Foreign Literature.	Total Volumes.	Total Readers.
March	4	3	3	23	5	16	14	13	9	2	88	64
April		Library	Closed.			Library	Closed.			Library	Closed.	
May	22	21	33	133	15	82	75	53	71	13	496	350
June	21	23	24	103	12	83	38	53	56	11	403	313
July	21	35	28	99	19	92	48	70	135	24	550	459
August	22	31	40	233	16	102	52	109	112	29	724	598
September	21	24	38	226	23	107	42	77	161	15	712	602
October	22	20	32	246	16	86	60	54	117	16	647	567
November	22	13	23	209	8	81	45	65	126	11	581	495
December	20	29	23	228	11	98	21	31	167	9	617	557
January	22	16	29	332	13	94	26	97	199	13	819	747
February	20	23	25	318	13	87	29	109	130	16	750	676
March	18	15	26	136	8	70	23	69	79	8	434	386
Total	235	253	324	2285	159	998	473	800	1362	167	6821	5814

File Volumes of Newspapers and Periodicals consulted - - - - 748

Total Issues in Lending and Reference Libraries, 1892-93.

Month.	No. of days open.	Theology and Philosophy.	Biography and Correspondence.	History, Travels, &c.	Law, Politics, &c.	Arts and Sciences.	Fiction.	Poetry, Drama, and Classics.	Miscellaneous Literature.	Magazines and Reviews.	Juvenile Literature.	Foreign Literature.	Total Volumes.	Total Borrowers and Readers.	Daily Average of Issues.
March ...	4	15	32	75	7	40	685	21	32	74	56	8	1045	978	261
April		Library	Closed.				Library	Closed.					Library	Closed.	
May	22	77	232	448	32	283	4564	148	146	345	275	107	6657	6103	303
June	21	79	198	373	26	262	4453	91	140	374	289	132	6417	6016	306
July	21	97	193	377	32	280	4701	111	157	421	330	116	6815	6435	325
August ...	22	114	242	486	38	289	5278	153	209	355	465	119	7748	7192	352
September	21	112	209	508	44	317	5362	128	176	437	393	98	7784	7240	371
October...	22	124	260	572	40	362	5976	257	154	505	412	142	8804	8252	400
November	22	89	247	589	35	303	5912	180	214	512	492	145	8718	8188	396
December	20	100	260	588	36	365	5672	129	170	552	456	131	8459	7949	423
January ..	22	103	271	738	49	412	6174	147	244	623	484	126	9371	8793	426
February.	20	125	295	747	32	417	6025	149	251	580	460	143	9224	8621	461
March ...	18	111	251	534	40	307	5411	166	187	437	400	110	7954	7418	442
Total	235	1146	2690	6035	411	3637	60213	1680	2080	5215	4512	1377	88996	83185	379

Number of Volumes issued	88,996
Unbound Numbers of Periodicals and File Volumes of Newspapers consulted	3,425
	92,421

Daily average	393
Population in 1892 (estimated)	23,900
Proportionate issue to each inhabitant	3·86

CLASSIFICATION OF BORROWERS,

To whom Tickets have been issued during the year 1892-93.

OCCUPATIONS.

Accountants	5
Agents and Collectors	21
Apprentices	9
Architects and Surveyors	16
Army and Navy Officers	22
Artists	29
Assistants and Salesmen	33
Auctioneers	3
Authors	2
Bakers and Confectioners	7
Barmaids	3
Barristers and Solicitors	13
Blacksmiths and Fitters	6
Boatbuilders	3
Booksellers and Stationers	4
Bootmaker	1
Botanists	2
Brewer	1
Bricklayers and Stonemasons	5
Builders	11
Butchers	6
Cabdrivers	4
Cabinet Makers and Upholsterers	4
Carpenters and Joiners	13
Chemists	8
China Dealer	1
Civil Servants	9
Clergy	18
Clerks	119
Clothiers	2
Coachmen	5
Domestic Servants	45
Drapers and Drapers' Assistants	33
Dressmakers and Milliners	45
Dyer	1
Electricians	4
Engineers	19
Furniture Dealers	2
Gardeners and Florists	8
Grocers	20
Hairdressers	6
Inn Keepers	2
Ironmongers	3
Jewellers and Watchmakers	11
Journalists	5
Ladies	856
Managers	13
Mechanics	5
Medical Men	10
Merchants and Manufacturers	21
Messenger	1
Milkmen	2
Music Teachers and Musicians	8
Nurses	5
Painters, Plumbers, and Decorators	9
Photographers and Photographic Artists	5
Police Officers	6
Porter	1
Postmen	2
Printers	9
Railway Officials	11
Saddler	1
Schoolmasters and Teachers	75
Scientist	1
Students and Scholars	58
Tailors	5
Telegraphists	4
Travellers	7
Waterman	1
Occupations not stated	226
Various	5
	1936

CLASSIFICATION OF BORROWERS—*(Continued)*.

Ages.	
Under 15	43
15 to 20	357
21 to 30	402
31 to 40	233
41 to 50	137
Above 50	140
Not stated	624
	1936

Burgesses and Non-Burgesses.	
Burgesses	370
Non-Burgesses	1566
	1936

Sexes.	
Males	807
Females	1129
	1936

TOTAL NUMBER OF BORROWERS

Since the Opening of the Library in 1881.

Borrowers joined Lending Library—	1881-82	3,180
,, ,, ,, ,,	1882-83	1,228
,, ,, ,, ,,	1883-84	2,060
,, ,, ,, ,,	1884-85	1,432
,, ,, ,, ,,	1885-86	1,907
,, ,, ,, ,,	1886-87	1,469
,, ,, ,, ,,	1887-88	1,926
,, ,, ,, ,,	1888-89	1,516
,, ,, ,, ,,	1889-90	1,772
,, ,, ,, ,,	1890-91	1,719
,, ,, ,, ,,	1891-91	1,490
,, ,, ,, ,,	1892-93	1,936
		21,635
Total cancelled		18,788
Actual number of Tickets in use 25th March, 1893		2,847

Tickets are only available for two years, after which they must be renewed.

CLASSIFICATION OF BORROWERS,

From the newly-added Districts.

KEW.		PETERSHAM.		MORTLAKE.	
AGES.		AGES.		AGES.	
Under 15	2	Under 15	0	Under 15	2
15 to 20	23	15 to 20	2	15 to 20	1
21 to 30	24	21 to 30	3	21 to 30	7
31 to 40	20	31 to 40	6	31 to 40	5
41 to 50	6	41 to 50	4	41 to 50	1
Above 50	17	Above 50	3	Above 50	3
Not stated	34	Not stated	12	Not stated	8
	126		30		27
BURGESSES AND NON-BURGESSES.					
Burgesses	31	Burgesses	8	Burgesses	7
Non-Burgesses	95	Non-Burgesses	22	Non-Burgesses	20
	126		30		27
		SEXES.			
Males	49	Males	8	Males	16
Females	77	Females	22	Females	11
	126		30		27

TOTAL—183.

MONTHLY SHILLING BOOK FUND.

BALANCE SHEET, 1892-93.

Dr.	£	s.	d.	Cr.	£	s.	d.
Balance brought forward ...	0	4	10½	By Expenditure on the Purchase of Books (36 volumes)	6	2	10½
To Amount of Subscriptions received during the year...	5	18	0				
	£6	2	10½		£6	2	10½

Examined with the Vouchers and found correct.

G. W. DUNCAN.

3rd April, 1893.

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†Thames Times
†Thames Valley Times (four copies)
†Timber Trades Journal
Truth
†University Correspondent
†Vanity Fair
*Weekly Register
†West London Observer
†Whitehall Review
†Worcester Herald
World

FORTNIGHTLIES.

†Charity Record
†Present Truth

MONTHLIES.

†Animal World
†Animals' Guardian
Antiquary
Argosy
Art Journal
Belgravia
†Biblewomen and Nurses
Blackwood's Magazine
†Bookseller
†Boys' Own Paper
†Bric-à-Brac
*British Flag
British Workman
Cabinet Maker
Cassell's Magazine
Century Magazine
*Child's Guardian
*Church Musician
*†City Mission Magazine (two copies)
†Colonial Recorder
Contemporary Review
†Cook's Excursionist
Cornhill Magazine
*Earthen Vessel and Gospel Herald
*Educational Times (two copies)
*English Illustrated Magazine
†Family Herald
Fortnightly Review
†Free Life
†Free Russia
†Free Sunday Advocate
*Friendly Leaves
†Gaze's Tourist Gazette
*Geographical Society, Royal, Proceedings of
*Girls' Friendly Society's Journal
†Girls' Own Paper
Good Words
†Greater Britain
†Hackney Carriage Guardian
Harper's Magazine
*Idler
†Imperial Federation
†Insurance Agent
†Insurance and Banking
†Inventor's Review
*Kew Gardens Wesleyan Chapel Magazine
†Keyboard
†Leisure Hour
†Liberator
Library
London Society
*Longman's Magazine
*Lucifer
†Machinery Market
*Macmillan's Magazine
†Magic Lantern Journal
†Miller
†Musical Herald
†Musical Times
†Musicians, Professional, Monthly Journal of
†Myra's Fashion Journal
†Myra's Threepenny Journal
National Review
*National Temperance Mirror
†Nature Notes (two copies)
*New Review
Nineteenth Century
†Our Own Gazette
†Oxford Shorthand Chronicle
†Pioneer of Wisdom
†Plumber and Decorator
†Practical Photographer
*Presbyterian Messenger (Richmond)
†Protestant Observer
Quiver
†Railway Official Gazette
*Review of Reviews

MONTHLIES—*continued.*

*Rochester Diocesan Chronicle
†Seamen, Register of Names, &c., of deceased
†Season
†Southall Post
*Strand Magazine (two copies)
Sunday at Home
Sylvia's Journal
†Tailor and Cutter
†Technical Education, Bi Monthly Record of
*Technical Educator
Temple Bar
Theatre
*University Extension Journal
†Vaccination Inquirer
†Vegetarian Messenger
†Weldon's Bazaar of Children's Fashions
†Weldon's Illustrated Dressmaker
†Weldon's Journal of Costumes
†Weldon's Ladies' Journal
†Young Ladies' Journal
†Zoophilist

QUARTERLIES.

Edinburgh Review
†Educational Record
†Emigrant
English Historical Review
†English Women's Review
†Good Templars' Guide
†Heretic
Quarterly Review

RAILWAY TIME TABLES.

Bradshaw
†Caledonian
†District
†Great Eastern
†Great Northern
†Great Western
†London, Brighton, and South Coast
†London, Chatham, and Dover
†London and North Western
†London and South Western
†Metropolitan
†Midland
†North London
†South Eastern

Borough of Richmond, Surrey.

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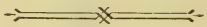

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Sixteenth Annual Report

OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE

RICHMOND PUBLIC LIBRARY.

To the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the Borough of Richmond, Surrey.

GENTLEMEN,

Your Committee in presenting their 16th Annual Report have much pleasure in recording the continued success of the Library.

In the Reference Department there is again a steady increase in the number of volumes consulted, the total for the year being 10,583, an increase of 1,368 on last year's returns, and the largest issue during any year since the opening of the Library. These results are partly due to the addition of a number of important works previously wanting, but chiefly to a knowledge of the department becoming more widespread, and to the Catalogue of the books of reference being kept up to date. Issue.

In the Lending Department the issues amount to 93,192, a decrease of 2,992 as compared with the figures last year. This falling off, however, is accounted for by the fact that in September, 1896, the stock of catalogues was exhausted. It is satisfactory to find that the returns in this department have not been more seriously diminished by this cause.

The issues for the Lending and Reference Departments have been 104,146, a daily average of 422, shewing a decrease of 1,253 in the total issues for the year, and 6 in the daily average as compared with last year's Report.

New tickets for the Lending Department have been issued to 1,866 readers, and the number of borrowers now registered is 3,223. Of these, 244 are from Kew, 73 from Petersham, and 44 from North Sheen. Borrowers.

Additions to Stock.

There have been added to the Library during the past twelve months 659 volumes, of which 469 have been placed in the Lending Library, 188 in the Reference Library, and 2 in the Branch Library at Petersham. This number, however, is reduced by the withdrawal of 115 worn out and useless books, leaving a total of 22,594 volumes, a net increase of 544 on the year, and a total increase of 13,670 since the publication of the 1st Annual Report in June, 1882.

The following table shews the additions to the several classes of literature :—

A.	Theology and Philosophy...	23
B.	Biography and Correspondence	31
C.	History, Topography, Voyages, and Travels ...	41
D.	Law, Politics, Social Economy, &c.	17
E.	Arts (including Music), Sciences, and Natural History	143
F.	Fiction	136
G.	Poetry, Drama, and Classics	15
H.	Miscellaneous Literature...	21
I.	Magazines and Reviews	4
J.	Juvenile Literature	17
K	Foreign Literature	21
R.L.	Reference Library...	188
	Petersham Branch	2
		659

The experiment of adding music to the Lending Department has now been in operation for a year. This section consists of 194 volumes, and shews a total issue of 567. When it is borne in mind that up to the present, manuscript lists on the counter have been the only means by which borrowers could ascertain what works were in this department, the results may be said to be fairly satisfactory. The new edition of the Lending Library Catalogue, which is referred to later on, will remove this difficulty for the future, and no doubt as the section becomes better known the issues will increase.

The amount received during the year in fines for the detention of books beyond the allotted time was £81 8s. 9d., as compared with £81 9s. 3d. received during the previous year, whilst 1,177 circulars were issued for the return of overdue books.

News Room.

The News Room continues to be well frequented, the conduct of the readers being uniformly good and orderly.

The question of improving the lighting of the Library came before the Committee during the past year. After careful consideration, the "Incandescent" system of Gaslighting was substituted for the "Wenham" burners, at an estimated saving of several pounds in the annual cost of lighting. So far the change has been marked by a decided improvement in the quality of the light as well as a considerable saving of expense.

It is satisfactory to the Committee to be in a position to state that during the Annual Stocktaking in August, 1896, only one volume was reported missing, the book being a volume of Cassell's Magazine, value five shillings. Stocktaking.

The binding account, though necessarily heavy, is £10 1s. 11d. less than last year. The quality of the work executed is such as to justify the change in the style of binding, adopted by the Committee 3 years ago. The number of books bound and rebound was 1,145, as compared with 1,771 last year, but these figures do not represent the whole of the wear and tear of the books in circulation, for many hundreds pass through the hands of the library assistants in the course of the year for slight repairs. Binding.

The need of a complete catalogue of the Lending Department has been much felt since September, 1896, when the edition published in June, 1892, was exhausted. The Committee are pleased to announce that during the past twelve months a new edition has been compiled by the Librarian. The manuscript is now in the hands of the printers, and it is expected that copies of the catalogue will be ready for the public early in September of the present year. The work will contain references to nearly 12,000 volumes. Cross references and other necessary tabulation will extend the entries to about 40,000, from which it is estimated the catalogue will occupy not less than 400 pages. Lending Library Catalogue.

The Committee in March last closed the Reading Room at Kew. The following statistics give a correct statement of the use made of this room since it was first opened. Branches.

Year.	Nights Open.	Adults.	Youths.	Average per Night. Adults.	Youths.
1893-94 (Nine months only).	232	1645	1662	7	7
1894-95	312	2476	1914	8	6
1895-96	307	2195	1912	7	6
1896-97	300	2040	1219	7	4

Population of Kew, 2076.

It was considered that a very fair trial had been given to this Branch, but the lack of appreciation left the Committee no alternative but to conclude that, so far as Kew was concerned, the room was not wanted by the inhabitants.

The room at Petersham continues to supply a want, for with a population of 629 the average evening attendance is 9, whilst out of the 73 persons living in Petersham who have tickets entitling them to borrow books for home reading, 52 make use of the room as a delivery station, the books being taken down to them from the Central Department on two evenings a week. Last year 1,719 volumes were issued in this way.

Sunday Opening.

The attendance at the Library on Sunday evenings during the season of 1896-97 amounted to 3,412, or a daily average of 136, as compared with 138 last year. The details for the 3 seasons are given below :—

Year.	Sundays Open.	Total Attendance.	Average per Sunday.	Men.	Women.	Juveniles.	Books consulted.
1894-95	26	2912	112	72	12	27	225
1895-96	26	3598	138	82	10	46	630
1896-97	25	3412	136	77	9	50	371

The decrease in the number of books consulted as compared with those of the previous year is caused by greater restriction in issuing illustrated literature to juveniles.

Donors.

The Committee desire to express their gratitude to all who have kindly furthered the interest of the Library by gifts of books or otherwise.

Staff.

In conclusion the Committee desire again to record their satisfaction at the efficient manner in which the Librarian and Assistants have discharged their duties, for without doubt the success of the Library largely depends upon the skill and tact of the permanent staff who are constantly in touch with the public.

Signed on behalf of the Committee,

T. W. TEMPANY,

6th June, 1897. *Chairman.*

Financial Statement for the Year ended 31st March, 1897.

REVENUE ACCOUNT.

Dr. **Income.**

		£ s. d.
To		
Surplus at 31st March, 1896, as per last Report		105 8 10½
Free Public Library Rate.		
Richmond	791 11 7	
Kew	73 15 0	
Petersham	29 19 10	
North Sheen	56 4 9	
		951 11 2
Central Library.		
Library Receipts :—		
Fines	81 8 9	
Damaged and Lost Books	5 11 10	
Sale of 1892 Catalogues	1 12 0	
Sale of Catalogues of Juvenile Section	0 0 10	
Sale of Periodicals	6 2 0½	
Sale of Waste Paper	2 0 0	
		96 15 5½
Donations towards Library Funds		1 1 0
Carried forward ...		£1154 16 6

Cr. **Expenditure.**

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
By **Central Library.**			
Salaries and Wages :—			
Librarian		175 0 0	
Assistants		148 13 6	
Porter		69 19 6	
			393 13 0
Books, Papers, &c. :—			
Books, &c. (New)	134 5 11		
Books (Replacements)	14 14 2		
		149 0 1	
Photographing Map		2 17 0	
Binding and Numbering		83 10 5	
Reading Cases		0 6 6	
Magazines		52 3 7	
Newspapers		24 5 4	
			312 2 11
Printing, Stationery and Advertisements :—			
Printing Annual Report		6 15 8	
Printing (General)		9 18 2	
Stationery		9 11 0½	
Borrowers' Books and Tickets ...		4 8 6	
Advertisements, "Bookseller" ...		0 10 9	
			31 4 1½
Fuel, Light and Cleaning :—			
Coal, Coke and Wood		13 3 10	
Gas, Tapers, Matches, &c. ...		67 15 0	
Cleaning Materials, &c.		2 12 7½	
Wages of Cleaner		15 18 9	
			99 10 2½
Furniture and Fittings :—			
Indicator Fittings		1 7 0	
Catalogue Trays, Date Slides, &c. ...		3 6 0	
Fire Extinguishers		2 11 0	
Incandescent Gas Lamps		46 19 3	
Gas Fittings and Repairs ...		9 17 3	
Fittings and Repairs		7 15 6½	
			71 16 0½
Carried forward ...			£908 6 3½

REVENUE ACCOUNT—CONTINUED.

Dr. Income.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Brought forward		1154 16 6
Kew Branch.		
Library Receipts :—		
Sale of Periodicals		0 6 2
Petersham Branch.		
Library Receipts :—		
Fines	0 12 7	
Sale of Periodicals	0 1 8½	
		0 14 3½
Donations towards Library Funds		2 17 0
		£1158 13 11½

Cr. Expenditure.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Brought forward ...			908 6 3½
Miscellaneous :			
Insurance of Books, Pictures, &c. ...		3 15 0	
Renewal Premium — Librarian's Guarantee Bond		0 5 0	
Subscriptions to			
Palæontographical Society ...	2 2 0		
Harleian Society	2 2 0		
Surrey Archæological Society ...	0 10 0		
Library Association of the United Kingdom	1 1 0		
		5 15 0	
Arranging Shell Collection ...		1 10 0	
Gardening		3 4 0	
Postages, Carriage of Parcels, &c. ..		7 8 0½	
			21 17 0½
Kew Branch.			
Rent, &c. :—			
Rent, &c., of Reading Room ...		30 12 3	
Attendance at ditto		2 2 0	
			32 14 3
Newspapers and Magazines ...			6 10 0
Miscellaneous :—			
Mats		0 3 6	
Removing Gas Fittings		0 4 10	
Insurance of Furniture, &c. ..		0 0 5	
			0 8 9
Petersham Branch.			
Rent, &c., of Reading Room ..			11 14 0
Newspapers and Magazines ..			3 5 11
Miscellaneous :—			
Stationery		0 0 5	
Insurance of Books, &c.		0 1 7	
			0 2 0
			984 18 3
Balance, Surplus at 31st March, 1897 ..			173 15 8½
			£1158 13 11½

BALANCE SHEET.

31st March, 1897.

Dr. Liabilities.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
To Sundry Creditors		131 0 2
Balance being excess of Assets :—		
Books, &c., purchased out of Revenue	4723 4 8	
Surplus on Revenue Account ..	173 15 8½	
		4897 0 4½
		£5028 0 6½

Cr. Assets.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
By Books, Maps, Pictures, &c. ..		4723 4 8
Cash Balances :—		
Treasurer	286 1 2	
Librarian	18 14 8½	
		304 15 10½
		£5028 0 6½

H. RICHARDS,

BOROUGH ACCOUNTANT.

CLASSIFICATION AND NUMBER OF VOLUMES IN THE LIBRARY,

Shewing the Increase during the Year ended 31st March, 1897.

Class Letter.	Classification of Books in the Lending Department.	No. of Vols. 1895-96.	No. of Vols. 1896-97.
A	Theology and Philosophy	702	706
B	Biography and Correspondence	1113	1139
C	History, Topography, Voyages, and Travels	1378	1398
D	Law, Politics, Social Economy, &c	254	267
E	Arts, Sciences, and Natural History	1466	1583
F	Prose Fiction	3208	3323
G	Poetry, Drama, and Classics	890	889
H	Miscellaneous English Literature	566	583
I	Magazines and Reviews	925	913
J	Juvenile Literature	665	661
K	Foreign Literature	506	525
		11673	11987
	Petersham Library	456	458
		12129	12445
	Reference Library	**9921**	**10149**
	Total Volumes	**22050**	**22594**

Volumes lost or damaged, and replaced by Borrowers or Guarantors 15
Volumes transferred from Reference Library to Lending Library 3
,, ,, ,, Lending Library to Reference Library 65
Volumes withdrawn, being worn out, useless, or duplicate (105 from Lending Department, and 10 from the Reference Library) 115
Volumes lost by default (Lending Library) 7

Table showing Total Issues for the fifteen years and nine months that the Library has been opened.

Year.	Theology and Philosophy.	Biography and Correspondence	History, Travels, &c.	Law, Politics, &c.	Arts and Sciences.	Fiction.	Poetry, Drama, and Classics.	Miscellaneous Literature.	Magazines and Reviews.	Juvenile Literature.	Foreign Literature.	Periodicals (Unbound Numbers.)	Total Volumes.
1881-82 (9 months only)	1375	2414	5835	281	3523	42535	1351	1729	3245	4656	..	779	67723
1882-83	1356	2190	4960	298	3600	57726	1364	1399	5414	5639	..	1958	85904
1883-84	1104	2332	5206	323	3438	58543	1504	1570	5134	5194	..	2623	86971
1884-85	1143	2136	5120	328	3169	58272	1292	1366	5085	5321	..	2906	86138
1885-86	1416	2474	6291	449	3667	60922	1364	1851	5981	6147	..	4371	94933
1886-87	1394	2647	6141	349	4261	60054	1581	1909	5774	6340	..	3511	93961
1887-88	1331	2818	6569	537	3996	69465	1739	1789	7599	6521	..	3005	105369
1888-89	1366	3078	7453	510	3567	69999	1402	1964	7867	6659	..	3100	106965
1889-90	1185	3370	7561	456	3420	68237	1492	2301	6996	6234	1134	3601	105987
1890-91	1084	3189	5083	403	3267	63408	1559	1741	6659	5574	1324	3782	97073
1891-92	1045	2506	4935	430	3060	62239	1388	1480	5729	3873	1148	3556	91389
1892-93	1146	2690	6035	411	3637	60213	1680	2080	5215	4512	1377	3425	92421
1893-94	1335	3072	5925	531	4300	66622	1775	1934	5053	4741	1318	3592	100198
1894-95 (12 mths & 4 days)	1289	2965	6565	437	4608	71227	1967	1972	5832	5730	1382	3769	107743
1895-96	1423	3113	5018	563	4551	68120	1645	1686	7657	5430	1807	4406	105399
1896-97	1334	2753	5128	576	4894	67203	1763	2278	6760	5126	1645	4686	104146
TOTAL...	20326	43747	93825	6882	60938	1004785	24866	29049	96000	87697	11135	53070	1532320

Total Number of Volumes borrowed from the Lending Library 1,402,188
Total Number of Volumes consulted in the Reference Library 130,132

1,532,320

Table of Issues in the Lending Library, 1896-97.

Month.	No. of days open.	Theology and Philosophy.	Biography and Correspondence.	History, Travels, &c.	Law, Politics, &c.	Arts and Sciences.	Fiction.	Poetry, Drama and Classics,	Miscellaneous Literature.	Magazines and Reviews.	Juvenile Literature.	Foreign Literature.	Total Volumes.	Total Borrowers.
April	20	84	201	347	27	219	5837	110	108	259	487	137	7816	7569
May.....	20	90	158	265	21	197	5558	117	90	253	386	115	7250	7082
June	22	52	168	307	18	175	5282	88	82	230	.402	100	6904	6733
July.....	22	61	153	235	18	197	4573	75	73	189	349	105	6028	5875
August ..	11	31	63	110	12	127	2701	37	22	102	187	65	3457	3384
September	22	86	186	303	25	281	5798	76	100	251	422	100	7628	7486
October ..	22	105	207	388	27	323	6506	91	110	297	463	136	8653	8432
November	21	98	222	348	25	310	6118	91	104	246	479	130	8171	7962
December	22	81	187	368	29	248	5767	86	115	299	459	159	7798	7599
January ..	21	80	204	328	29	254	6385	119	107	325	501	197	8529	8279
February	20	93	230	390	38	320	6193	99	134	302	448	189	8436	8193
March....	23	136	239	450	24	384	6485	90	126	261	543	144	8882	8639
Total	246	997	2218	3839	293	3035	67203	1079	1171	3014	5126	1577	89552*a*	87233

Periodicals Issued for Home Reading .. .. .. 3640.

a This includes 1719 Volumes sent to the Petersham Branch.

Table of Issues in the Reference Library, 1896-97.

Month.	No. of days open.	Theology and Philosophy.	Biography and Correspondence.	History, Travels, &c.	Law, Politics, &c.	Arts and Sciences.	Poetry, Drama, and Classics.	Miscellaneous Literature.	Magazines and Reviews.	Foreign Literature.	Total Volumes.	Total Readers.
April	20	16	29	62	9	73	47	24	162	8	430	352
May.....	20	8	19	124	10	123	24	45	123	9	485	336
June	22	10	28	89	14	111	48	65	156	10	531	411
July	22	48	41	99	23	137	48	32	251	7	686	544
August	11	17	27	79	18	118	22	43	175	3	502	367
September	22	35	36	111	39	174	49	80	456	3	983	763
October	22	22	54	85	24	197	40	85	371	7	885	706
November	21	36	50	113	28	190	102	75	434	6	1034	815
December	22	32	51	94	32	191	41	102	393	5	941	795
January	21	29	53	97	26	113	36	186	374	3	917	816
February	20	38	83	141	27	228	80	135	365	1	1098	859
March.....	23	38	54	164	30	152	128	188	285	6	1045	788
Total	246	329	525	1258	280	1807	665	1060	3545	68	9537*	7552

File Volumes of Newspapers and Periodicals consulted .. .. 1046.

*To this must be added the Sunday Issues as follows: 25 Sundays, 371 Volumes to 361 Readers; Daily average, 15

Total Issues in Lending and Reference Libraries, 1896-97.

Month.	No. of days open.	Theology and Philosophy.	Biography and Correspondence.	History, Travels, &c.	Law, Politics, &c.	Arts and Sciences.	Fiction.	Poetry, Drama, and Classics.	Miscellaneous Literature.	Magazines and Reviews.	Juvenile Literature.	Foreign Literature.	Total Volumes.	Total Borrowers and Readers.	Daily Average of Issues.
April	20	100	230	409	36	292	5837	157	132	421	487	145	8246	7921	412
May	20	98	177	389	31	320	5558	141	135	376	386	124	7735	7418	387
June	22	62	196	396	32	286	5282	136	147	386	402	110	7435	7144	338
July	22	109	194	334	41	334	4573	123	105	440	349	112	6714	6419	305
August ..	11	48	90	189	30	245	2701	59	65	277	187	68	3959	3751	359
September	22	121	222	414	64	455	5798	125	180	707	422	103	8611	8249	391
October ..	22	127	261	473	51	520	6506	131	197	666	463	143	9538	9140	434
November	21	134	272	461	53	500	6118	193	179	680	479	136	9205	8777	438
December	22	113	238	462	61	439	5767	127	217	692	459	164	8739	8394	397
January ..	21	109	257	425	55	367	6385	155	293	699	501	200	9446	9095	450
February	20	131	313	531	65	548	6193	179	269	667	448	190	9534	9052	477
March....	23	174	293	614	54	536	6485	218	314	546	543	150	9927	9422	432
Total	246	1326	2743	5097	573	4842	67203	1744	2233	6557	5126	1645	99089	94782	403

Number of Volumes issued (Week Days).....	99,089
" " (Sundays)	371
Unbound Numbers of Periodicals and File	
Volumes of Newspapers consulted	4,686
	104,146

Daily Average (Week Days).....	422
Daily Average (25 Sundays).....	15
Population in 1896 (estimated)	30,000
Proportionate issue to each inhabitant	3·47

CLASSIFICATION OF BORROWERS.

To whom Tickets have been issued during the year 1896-97.

OCCUPATIONS.

Accountants	8
Agents and Collectors	10
Apprentices	9
Architects and Surveyors	14
Army and Navy Officers	12
Artists and Designers	17
Assistants and Salesmen	21
Auctioneer	1
Authors	4
Bakers and Confectioners	13
Barristers and Solicitors	16
Beadle	1
Beer Bottlers	3
Blacksmiths and Fitters	3
Boatbuilders	2
Booksellers and Stationers	5
Bootmakers	4
Botanists	2
Brewer	1
Bricklayers and Stonemasons	3
Brokers	7
Builders	12
Butchers	3
Cabinet Makers and Upholsterers	4
Carpenters and Joiners	10
Chemists	12
China Dealer	1
Civil Servants	6
Clergy	18
Clerks	123
Coachmen	5
Domestic Servants	44
Drapers and Drapers' Assistants	28
Dressmakers and Milliners	46
Dyers	2
Electricians	3
Engineers	13
Fishmongers	3
Fruiterer	1
Gardeners and Florists	15
Grocers	10
Hairdressers	8
Innkeepers	5
Ironmongers	5
Jewellers and Watchmakers	7
Journalists	6
Ladies	815
Laundress	1
Lecturers	3
Managers	7
Mechanics	3
Medical Men	7
Merchants and Manufacturers	20
Messengers	13
Music Teachers and Musicians	5
Nurses	9
Painters, Plumbers, and Decorators	11
Park-keeper	1
Photographers and Photographic Artists	5
Police Officer	1
Porters	3
Postmen	4
Printers	7
Railway Officials	6
Schoolmasters and Teachers	65
Scientists	2
Secretaries	4
Students and Scholars	108
Tailors	7
Tea Taster	1
Telegraphists	3
Tobacconist	1
Travellers	9
Warehousemen	3
Waterman	1
Occupations not stated	195
	1866

CLASSIFICATION OF BORROWERS—(*continued.*)

Ages.	
Under 15	47
15 to 20	311
21 to 30	406
31 to 40	224
41 to 50	135
Above 50	148
Not Stated	595
	1866

Ratepayers & Non-Ratepayers.	
Ratepayers	507
Non-Ratepayers	1359
	1866

Sexes.	
Males	816
Females	1056
	1866

TOTAL NUMBER OF BORROWERS

Since the Opening of the Library in 1881.

Borrowers joined	Lending	Library—	1881-82		3,180
,,	,,	,,	,,	1882-83	1,228
,,	,,	,,	,,	1883-84	2,060
,,	,,	,,	,,	1884-85	1,432
,,	,,	,,	,,	1885-86	1,907
,,	,,	,,	,,	1886-87	1,469
,,	,,	,,	,,	1887-88	1,926
,,	,,	,,	,,	1888-89	1,516
,,	,,	,,	,,	1889-90	1,772
,,	,,	,,	,,	1890-91	1,719
,,	,,	,,	,,	1891-92	1,490
,,	,,	,,	,,	1892-93	1,936
,,	,,	,,	,,	1893-94	1,728
,,	,,	,,	,,	1894-95	1,898
,,	,,	,,	,,	1895-96	1,948
,,	,,	,,	,,	1896-97	1,866
					29,075
Total cancelled					25,852
Actual number of Tickets in use 31st March, 1897					3,223*

*Of whom 244 are from Kew, 73 from Petersham, and 44 from Mortlake. Tickets are only available for two years, after which they must be renewed.

MONTHLY SHILLING BOOK FUND.

BALANCE SHEET, 1896-97.

Dr.	£	s.	d.	Cr.	£	s.	d.
To Balance brought forward	0	0	11	By Expenditure on the Purchase of Books (7 volumes)	1	9	11½
,, amount of Subscriptions received during the year	1	10	0	Balance carried forward....	0	0	11½
	£1	10	11		£1	10	11

Examined with the Vouchers and found correct.

T. W. TEMPANY.

2nd June, 1897.

LIST OF SUBSCRIBERS.

Arbuthnot, General Sir C. | Reid, Major J. H. S.
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DONORS OF BOOKS.

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Allport, Mr. J., Richmond	2
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Ardaseer, Mr. G., Richmond	2
Armstrong, Miss M. L., Richmond	3
Bailey, Mr. J. B., Richmond	13
Barton, Miss M. C. J., Richmond	1
Baty, Miss E., Richmond	6
Birt, Sir W.	4
Brewer, Mr. F. J., Richmond, 1 vol. and Map of Richmond, (1741-45)	
British and Foreign School Society Report	
British Museum, Trustees of the, 13 volumes of Publications and 16 parts of the printed General Catalogue (in continuation)	
Brooks, Mr. T C., Richmond	5
Browne, Messrs. T. B., Ltd.	1
Bryan, Mr. R.	1
Buckley, Mr. T. J. W.	2
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Canada, High Commissioner for	3
Champness & Co., Messrs.	1
Church, Prof. A. H., Kew	1
Civil Engineers, Institution of	1
Cleaver, Mr. T. E.	1
Coste, Mr. F. H. P.	1
Cooper, Rev. Astley	26
Cox, Mr. W. G.	1
Cresswell, Mr. Councillor C. E., Richmond	4
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Dalbiac, Lieut.-Col. P. H., M.P.	1
Deane, Mr. A. B.	1
Dimbleby, Mr. F. W., Richmond	4
Dublin University, Calendar and Examination Papers	2
Durham University, Calendar	1
Ellis, Mr. C.	1
Farmer, Mr. J. S., Petersham	3
Footpath Preservation Society (National) Report	
Francis, Dr. W., Richmond	1
French, Mr. A. D. W.	1
Genzorn, Mr. F. de Bu	1
Gollop, Major J.P., Richmond, 1 pamphlet	
Grant, Mr. J.	1
Guinness, Dr. H. G.	2
Hall, Rev. W.	1
Headley, Rev. T. G., Petersham. A Japanese Female Figure	
Hertslet, Sir E., K.C.B., Richmond	3
Hill, Mrs. H. Weist, Richmond	13
Hiscoke, Mr. W. J., Richmond	1
Hodgkin, Mr. G. E., Richmond. Several local pamphlets	
"Home Words," Editor of	4

DONORS OF BOOKS—(*Continued*).

	VOLS.
Hooper, Miss E., Richmond	1
Hunter, Mr. A. C.	13
Hutton, Mr. A. W.	1
Kew Observatory Report	
Knight, Miss, Richmond	2
Larden, Dr., Richmond	4
Laurie, Mr. J. S., Richmond	2
Laurie, Mr. T.	1

LIBRARIES—

Catalogues.

St. Helens, and Wigan Reference Library (2 parts, in continuation).

Annual Reports.

Aberdeen, Aston Manor (Birmingham), Baltimore (Enoch Pratt), Battersea, Belfast, Birmingham, Bishopsgate Foundation Institute, Blackburn, Blackpool, Bolton, Boston, Bournemouth, Brentford, Brighton, Bristol, Brookline (Mass), Cambridge University, Cardiff, Carlisle, Chelsea, Cheltenham, Chester, Chiswick, Clerkenwell, Croydon, Derby, Devon and Exeter, Dewsbury, Doncaster, Dundee, Ealing, Folkestone, Fulham, Glasgow (Bailie's Institution), Glasgow (Stirling's and Glasgow), Great Yarmouth, Hammersmith, Handsworth, Hanley, Harlesden, Hegginbottom, Hove, Kensington, Kidderminster, Kilburn, Kingston, Leamington, Leeds, Leek (Nicholson Institute), Leicester, Lewisham, Leyton, Liverpool, Longton, Loughborough, Maimonides, New South Wales, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, Norwich, Oxford (Bodleian), Plymouth, Portsmouth, Preston, Rochdale, Rotherhithe, St. George's (Hanover Square), St. Giles, St. Helen's, St. Marylebone, Salford, Sheffield, Smethwick, Southampton, Stafford, Stoke Newington, Streatham, Toronto, Tynemouth, Walsall, Wednesbury, Westminster, West Bromwich, West Ham, Willesden, and Wolverhampton.

	VOLS.
London University Guide and Calendar	1
Lund, Mr. J. K.	1
Macmillan and Co.	2
Martin, Mr. J.	1
Maxwell, Mrs. Richmond	24
Miller, Mr. W. J. C., Richmond, 5 volumes and 3 pamphlets	
"News," The Publisher of,	1
Nimmo, Mrs., Richmond	6
Nordberg, Mrs , Richmond	21
Patent Office, publications	
Phillipson and Sons, Messrs., Kingston	2
Pownall, Mrs. H. W., St. Margaret's	1
Preston, Mr. S. H.	1
Pring, Mrs. J. L.	1
Richmond Horticultural Society Report	
Richmond Philanthropic Society Report	
Richmond (Royal) Hospital Report	
Richmond Technical Education Committee Report	
Rivett-Carnac, Mrs., Richmond	2
Saunders, Mr. E., Richmond	2
Scott, Dr. D. H , Richmond	3
Seeley and Co., Messrs.	1

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Skewes-Cox, Mrs., Richmond, 1 pamphlet	
Spooner, Mr. A. E.	1
Squires, Rev. H. C., Richmond, 2 pamphlets	
Stationery Office, London	1
Strickland, Mr. W. W., 1 pamphlet	
Stubbs and Co., Messrs.	1
Surgeons, Royal College of, Council of	1
Surrey County Council, Minutes of Council and Reports of Committees	
Technical and Secondary Education, National Association for the Promotion of, Report	
Voysey, Rev. C.	1
Walker, Mr. C. C.	1
Wallace, Mrs. I., Richmond	1
Washington, U. S. A., Bureau of Education	2
Washington, U. S. A., Volta Bureau	1
Williams, Mr. E. E.	1
Willing, Mr. J.	1
Women's Suffrage, National Society for, Report	
Wren, Mr. W. C., Richmond	5
Yates, Mr. W., Richmond	1

DONORS OF NEWSPAPERS AND PERIODICALS.

Alcock, Mr. C. W., Richmond	2
Bishop, Miss	1
Blanchet, Mr. A. T., Richmond	1
Carlile, Mr. E., Richmond	3
Dimbleby, Mr. F. W., Richmond	2
Edgar, Mr. Councillor C. B., J.P., Richmond	1
Harney, Mr. G. J., Richmond	1
Headley, Rev. T. G., Petersham	1
Heaton, Mr. J., Richmond	1
Henley, Mr A., Richmond	1
Hobson, Mrs., Richmond	1
Jackson, Mr. J. R., Richmond	1
Miller, Mr. W. J. C., Richmond	3
National Sunday League	1
Taylor, Dr. M., Richmond	1
Tempany, Mr. Councillor T.W., Richmond	3
Thompson, Mr. R. H.	1
Tipping, Mr. E. P., Richmond	1
Wood, Mr. A. J., Richmond	1

Newspapers, Periodicals, &c., taken in the Library.

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DAILIES.

Daily Chronicle (two copies)
Daily Graphic
Daily News (two copies)
Daily Telegraph (three copies)
Echo
†Financial News
Financial Times
Globe
Morning Post
Pall Mall Gazette
St. James's Gazette
†Sportsman
Standard (two copies)
Standard (Evening, two copies)
Star
Times
Westminster Gazette

WEEKLIES.

Academy
†Accountant
†Admiralty and Horse Guards' Gazette
Amateur Photographer
Architect
Army and Navy Gazette
†Arts, Society of, Journal
Athenæum
*Banner of Israel
†Bicycling News
*Blackpool Gazette
*Blackpool Herald
*Blackpool Times
†British Architect
British Journal of Photography
*British Medical Journal
†Broad Arrow
Builder
Building News
†Bullionist
†Canadian Gazette
Chambers's Journal
†Charity Record
†Christian Herald
†Christian World
*Church Army Gazette
*Church Times
†City
†Civil Service Aspirant
†Civilian
*Cricket
†Croydon Guardian
†Cyclist
†Dover Express
†Drapers' Record
†Drapery World
Economist
†Electrical Engineer
Electrical Review
Engineer
*English Churchman
English Mechanic
Era
†European Mail
Field
*Fishing Gazette
Fun
Garden
*Gardeners' Chronicle
†Gardening World
*Good Templars' Watchword
†Grantham Journal
Graphic
Guardian
†Hastings and St. Leonard's Times
†Horticulture, Journal of
†House, The
Household Words
Illustrated London News
†Inquirer
†Insurance Monitor
Invention
†Investors' Guardian
†Irish Times
†Jewish World
Judy
†Kingston and Surbiton News
Lady
Lady's Pictorial
*Lancet
*Land and Water
†Literary World
†Local Government Chronicle
†Lock to Lock Times
London
*Medical Times
†Middlesex Chronicle
†Middlesex County Times
†Middlesex Independent
†Midland Counties Herald
†Modern Society
*Musical News
Nature
*Newcastle Chronicle
†News of the World
Notes and Queries
†Patents, Illustrated Journal
†Phonetic Journal
†Poultry
†Present Truth
Public Opinion
Publishers' Circular
Punch (two copies)
†Putney and Wandsworth Borough News
Queen
†Railway News
†Reading Mercury
†Richmond and Twickenham Times (four copies)
†Richmond Herald (four copies)
†River
*Rock
St. James's Budget
Saturday Review
Scotsman
Sketch
*Social Gazette
†South Eastern Herald
†South London Press

WEEKLIES—(*continued*).

†Southport Visitor
Speaker
Spectator
†Spinning Wheel
†Stock and Share News
†Sunday Times
†Surrey Advertiser
†Surrey Comet (three copies)
†Surrey Mirror
†Surrey Times
†Temperance Chronicle
*Temperance Record
†Thames Valley Times (four copies)
†Timber Trades Journal
Truth
†University Correspondent
*War Cry
†Weekly Dispatch
†Weekly Sun
†West London Observer
Westminster Budget
†Wheelwoman
†Worcester Herald
World

MONTHLIES.

†Animals' Friend
†Animals' Guardian
Antiquary
Argosy
Army List
Art Journal
Belgravia
†Biblewomen and Nurses
Blackwood's Magazine
Bookman
†Bookseller
Bookselling
†Boys' Own Paper
†Bric-à-Brac
British Workman
Cabinet Maker
Cassell's Magazine
Century Magazine
†City Mission Magazine
†Colonist
†Concord
Contemporary Review
†Cook's Excursionist
Cornhill Magazine
Cosmopolis
†Educational Times (two copies)
†Emigrant
English Illustrated Magazine
†Epicure
†Family Herald
Fortnightly Review
†Free Russia
†Free Sunday Advocate
*Friendly Leaves
*Girls' Friendly Society Journal
†Girls' Own Paper
Good Words
Harper's Magazine
†Herald of the Golden Age
*Idler
*Imperial Institute Journal
†Incorporated Accountants' Journal
†Insurance Agent
†Inventor's Review
†Labour Gazette
†Leisure Hour
†Liberator
Library
London Society
*Longman's Magazine
Macmillan's Magazine
†Magic Lantern Journal
†Musical Herald
†Musical Times
†Musicians, Incorporated Soc. of, Monthly Journal
National Review
†Natural Food
†Nature Notes
†New Church Magazine
New Review
Nineteenth Century
†Our Own Gazette
*P.S.A. Gazette
Pall Mall Magazine
†Pioneer of Wisdom
†Plumber and Decorator
Quiver
†Railway Official Gazette
*Sandycombe Road Magazine
†School Music Review
†Seamen, Register of Names, &c., of Deceased
†Season
*Strand Magazine
Sunday at Home
†Tailor and Cutter
Temple Bar
Theatre
†Tool and Machinery Register

MONTHLIES—(*continued*).

†Travel
†Vaccination Inquirer
†Vegetarian Messenger
*Volunteer Service Magazine
†Weldon's Bazaar of Children's Fashions
†Weldon's Illustrated Dressmaker
†Weldon's Journal of Costumes
†Weldon's Ladies' Journal
Westminster Review
Windsor Magazine
†Young Ladies' Journal
Zoophilist

QUARTERLIES.

Edinburgh Review
†Englishwoman's Review
Navy List
Quarterly Review
Surrey County Council, Minutes and Reports
†Technical Education—Record of
*Verulam Review

ANNUALS, &c.

Academy Notes
Annual Register
Army List (Hart's)
Art, The Year's
*Church of England Year Book
Clerical Directory (Crockford's)
Constitutional Year Book
County Councils and Municipal Corporations Companion
*Dublin University Calendar
*Durham University Calendar
Financial Reform Almanack
*Foreign Office List
Harleian Society, Publications
Hazell's Annual
†Kew Observatory, Reports
Kew, Royal Gardens, Bulletins
†Licensed Victualler's Official Annual
Literary Index
London Manual
*Medical Council, Minutes
*Music, Union of Graduates in, Roll and Kalendar
Palæontographical Society, Publications
Periodicals, Index to
†Press Guide (Willing's)
†Richmond Corporation Documents, Reports of Institutions, &c.
Statutes, Public General
Statutes, Revised
Surrey Archæological Society, Publications
Whitaker's Almanack

DIRECTORIES.

†Accountants and Auditors
†Advertisers' A.B.C
*Dentists
*Insurance
†Kingston and District
Law List
London
London, Suburban
*Medical
Middlesex
†Richmond and District
†Stubbs' Directory (Manufacturers, Merchant Shippers & Professional)
Surrey

RAILWAY TIME TABLES.

A.B.C. Railway Guide
Bradshaw
†Caledonian
†District
†Great Eastern
†Great Northern
†Great Western
†London, Brighton, and South Coast
†London, Chatham, and Dover
†London and North-Western
†London and South-Western
†Metropolitan
†Midland
†North London
†South Eastern

Newspapers and Periodicals taken at the Branch Reading Room

AT

PETERSHAM.

*Those marked * presented, and those marked † sent from Central Department.*

DAILIES.

Daily News
Evening News
Standard
Star

WEEKLIES.

*Bicycling News
*Christian Herald
†Christian World
*Cyclist
*Church Family Newspaper
†Gardening World
†Graphic
†Guardian
†Illustrated London News
*Middlesex Chronicle
*Middlesex County Times
*News of the World
*Phonetic Journal
†Poultry
*Richmond and Twickenham Times
*Richmond Herald
†Rock
†Speaker
*Surrey Advertiser
*Surrey Comet
*Surrey Times
*Thames Valley Times
†Westminster Budget

MONTHLIES

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*Animals' Guardian
Chambers's Journal
Cornhill Magazine
Good Words
Leisure Hour
*Musical Times
*School Music Review
*Season
*Vegetarian Messenger
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*District
*London and North-Western
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Seventeenth Annual Report

OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE

RICHMOND PUBLIC LIBRARY.

To the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the Borough of Richmond, Surrey.

GENTLEMEN,

In submitting their Seventeenth Annual Report, the Committee are gratified in being able to present a satisfactory statement as regards the continued popularity and usefulness of the Library.

Issues.

A decrease of 4,782 appears in the total issues as compared with last year's figures, but the decrease is apparent only, and is explained by the fact that the issue of books was suspended for 13 days more than usual to allow of the Library being cleaned and re-decorated. But for this there would have been an increase of about 750 in the returns. Taking the average daily issue this year, which is 425, there is an increase of 3 over the preceding year.

The following statement shews the issues for the past two years:—

Year.		Days Open.	Issues in Lending Library.	Issues in Reference Library.	Total Issues (Both Depts.)	Average Daily Issue.
1896-97	...	246	93,192	10,954	104,146	422
1897-98	...	233	90,346	9,018	99,364	425

In considering the Library statistics it must be borne in mind that no record is made of the use by readers of the volumes on the Open Reference Shelves. These books are in constant demand every hour of the day, and were it possible to add to the returns the number of times these works are consulted, the total issues would be increased to a very great extent.

It is not, however, the increased amount of reading done by the borrowers which affords the Committee the greatest satisfaction, but an improvement in its quality. This, they are pleased to say, has been noticeable during the past year, for though the Library was open upon fewer days, there was a substantial increase in the issue of books for home reading in Law and Politics; Arts and Sciences; Theology and Philosophy; Poetry and Drama; Biography; and a concurrent decrease in the other classes, which are of a lighter character. This, no doubt, is due to the effort made by the Committee to encourage the reading of books of a more serious nature by purchasing, as far as their funds would allow, the best works in all departments of English literature.

The number of borrowers to whom Lending Library tickets have been issued during the year is 1,926, the actual number of tickets in use on the 31st March, 1898, being 3,256, an increase of 33. Of the total number, 265 are from Kew, 76 from Petersham, and 59 from North Sheen. The new tickets have been issued to 807 male and 1,119 female borrowers. Particulars as to occupations, ages, &c., are given on pages 16-17 of the Report.

Overdue Books, Fines, &c.

The fines for the detention of books beyond the allotted time realised £71 0s. 11d., a falling off of £10 7s. 10d., as compared with the previous year. This decrease is due to the facts that the Library was open upon fewer days, and that the books have been returned more promptly. Circulars were sent to 1,063 borrowers for the return of overdue books, a decrease of 114 on last year's figures

Post cards were sent to 717 readers who availed themselves of the method of securing the early use of such books as were in great demand.

An extension (from seven days to a fortnight) of the time allowed for the home reading of non-fiction has been decided upon by the Committee. Concurrently with this change, which will come into operation immediately after the annual stocktaking in August next, the fines for books more than one week overdue will be increased from one penny to twopence for each week or part of a week.

Additions to Stock.

The additions to the Library during the year numbered 1,678 volumes, 1,151 having been placed in the Lending Library, 526 in the Reference Library, and 1 in the Branch Library at Petersham.

Of books considered to be worn out and useless 349 have been withdrawn, so that the net increase has been 1,329, bringing the total number of volumes in the Library up to 23,923, of which 10,652 are in the Reference Department.

The following table shews the additions in the several classes of literature.

A.	Theology and Philosophy	72
B.	Biography and Correspondence	159
C.	History, Topography, Voyages, and Travels	238
D.	Law, Politics, Social Economy, &c. ...	19
E.	Arts (including Music), Sciences, and Natural History	205
F.	Fiction	178
G.	Poetry, Drama, and Classics	61
H.	Miscellaneous Literature	66
I.	Magazines and Reviews	89
J.	Juvenile Literature	38
K.	Foreign Literature	26
R.L.	Reference Library	526
	Petersham Branch	1
		1,678

News Room, etc.

The Committee are pleased to say that the Librarian reports most favourably on the general conduct observed in the Library, both as regards the order kept by the visitors, and the care of the readers for the books, papers, and other property. Considering the frequently crowded state of the room, this is very satisfactory.

During the month of August the Committee were compelled to close the Library for three weeks, and to suspend the issue of books for one month, in order that the Town Council might carry out some necessary repairs. The whole of the interior was thoroughly cleaned, painted, and decorated. This much needed work has given general satisfaction.

The adoption of the incandescent system of Gas Lighting referred to in last year's Report has quite satisfied all expectations as regards increased cleanliness, superior quality of the light, greater purity of the atmosphere, and reduction in the amount of gas consumed. The saving in expense by the new system during the year 1897-98 amounted to £21 13s. 4d., or 32 per cent. of the previous year's cost.

Fresh linoleum has been laid down in the News Room, and all the chairs have been fitted with patent india rubber pads, thereby lessening the disturbance caused by movements of feet and chairs.

The multiplication of books and the growing requirements of the Library are beginning severely to tax the accommodation available. The difficulties under which the staff carry on the work of the Library are year by year increasing, and it is evident that before long this matter will demand serious attention.

Stocktaking.

The Annual Stocktaking took place in August last, with the satisfactory result that the only books reported missing were "Life and Times of Sir Philip Sidney," value 3s.; and "Mr. and Mrs. Faulconbridge," by H. Aidë, value 2s.

Binding.

The number of volumes bound during the year was 931, being 214 less than last year. In addition some 1,500 volumes were repaired by the Library assistants.

Lending Library Catalogue.

The 4th edition of the Lending Library Catalogue referred to in the last Report as being in the hands of the printers was published in December, 1897. This new issue was much needed, as the stock of books had increased by nearly 3,000 volumes since the appearance of the 3rd edition in 1892. The catalogue, which has been most ably and carefully compiled by the Librarian, is published in a demy 8vo. volume of 424 pages, printed in Bourgeoise, Clarendon, and Brevier types, and deals with 12,190 volumes, represented by something like 40,000 entries.

As the catalogue of 1892 had met with the almost unanimous approval of those using the Library, it was thought well to adopt the same alphabetical index plan. It does not profess to supply all the wants of a bibliographical student, but aims at providing for ordinary readers a simple guide to the contents of the Library. A few new features have been introduced into the present edition, amongst others a key to the indicator for Classes F (Fiction), and J (Juvenile). The price of a copy was fixed at the small sum of 6d., so as to make it as easily obtainable as possible. Between the 11th of December (date of publication) and March 31st, 637 copies were sold.

It is confidently expected that with the increased facilities for the selection of books provided by the new catalogue, the circulation in the coming year 1898-99, will materially increase.

Petersham Branch.

At the request of a number of readers using this branch library the Committee in November, 1897, arranged for the daily exchange of the books located in the room, and known as the "Russell British School Collection." Though the average evening attendance has dropped from 9 to 7, the number of volumes issued has increased from 1,719 to 2,047. The population of Petersham is 629.

Sunday Opening.

The following are the details of the Sunday attendances since the Library was first opened on that day.

Year.	Sundays Open.	Total Attendance.	Average per Sunday.	Men.	Women.	Juveniles.	Books Consulted
1894-95	26	2,912	112	73	12	27	225
1895-96	26	3,598	138	82	10	46	630
1896-97	25	3,412	136	77	9	50	371
1897-98	25	3,065	123	72	10	41	401

The Library is open for 3 hours, i.e., from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. each Sunday from October to March inclusive.

It will be noticed that there is a decrease of 13 in the average attendance since last year, arising mainly from a reduced number of Juvenile readers. On the other hand, the figures show a slight increase in the number of volumes issued.

Library Conference.

As authorised by the Committee, the Librarian attended the Second International Library Conference, held in London in July, 1897, when practical papers were read, followed by discussions of an interesting and useful character. The information derived from the attendance at these meetings is undoubtedly of benefit to the Libraries represented.

Donors.

The Committee during the year have had the pleasure of acknowledging a large number of gifts of books, and they would here take the opportunity of thanking the donors collectively. They would also extend their hearty thanks to the various Newspaper

Proprietors of the town, who have, as usual, supplied copies of their journals free of cost, a practice which has also been most generously continued by the proprietors of the large number of magazines and periodicals shewn on pages 22-23 of this Report.

Staff.

The Committee have again the pleasure of recording their satisfaction with the efficient services of the Library Staff, on which largely depends the successful working of the Institution.

Signed on behalf of the Committee,

CLIFFORD B. EDGAR,

8th June, 1898. Chairman.

CLASSIFICATION AND NUMBER OF VOLUMES IN THE LIBRARY,

Shewing the Increase during the Year ended 31st March, 1898.

Class Letter.	Classification of Books in the Lending Library.	No. of Vols. 1896-97.	No. of Vols. 1897-98.
A	Theology and Philosophy	706	735
B	Biography and Correspondence	1139	1297
C	History, Topography, Voyages, and Travels	1398	1612
D	Law, Politics, Social Economy, &c	267	286
E	Arts, Sciences, and Natural History	1583	1771
F	Prose Fiction	3323	3428
G	Poetry, Drama, and Classics	889	903
H	Miscellaneous English Literature	583	649
I	Magazines and Reviews	913	976
J	Juvenile Literature	661	609
K	Foreign Literature	525	546
		11987	12812
	Petersham Library	458	459
		12445	13271
	Reference Library	**10149**	**10652**
	Total Volumes	**22594**	**23923**

Volumes lost or damaged, and replaced by Borrowers or Guarantors 13
Volumes transferred from Reference Library to Lending Library 2
" " " Lending Library to Reference Library 62
Volumes withdrawn, being worn out, useless, or duplicate (266 from Lending Library, and 83 from the Reference Library) 349
Volumes lost by default (Lending Library) 5

N.B.—The decrease in Class J, as shewn above, is due to the fact that there were 90 withdrawals as compared with 38 additions.

Table shewing Total Issues for the sixteen years and nine months that the Library has been opened.

Year.	Theology and Philosophy.	Biography and Correspondence	History, Travels, &c.	Law, Politics, &c.	Arts and Sciences.	Fiction.	Poetry, Drama, and Classics.	Miscellaneous Literature.	Magazines and Reviews.	Juvenile Literature.	Foreign Literature.	Periodicals (Unbound Numbers.)	Total Volumes.
1881-82 (9 months only)	1375	2414	5835	281	3523	42535	1351	1729	3245	4656	..	779	67723
1882-83	1356	2190	4960	298	3600	57726	1364	1399	5414	5639	..	1958	85904
1883-84	1104	2332	5206	323	3438	58543	1504	1570	5134	5194	..	2623	86971
1884-85	1143	2136	5120	328	3169	58272	1292	1366	5085	5321	..	2906	86138
1885-86	1416	2474	6291	449	3667	60922	1364	1851	5981	6147	..	4371	94933
1886-87	1394	2647	6141	349	4261	60054	1581	1909	5774	6340	..	3511	93961
1887-88	1331	2818	6569	537	3996	69465	1739	1789	7599	6521	..	3005	105369
1888-89	1366	3078	7453	510	3567	69999	1402	1964	7867	6659	..	3100	106965
1889-90	1185	3370	7561	456	3420	68237	1492	2301	6996	6234	1134	3601	105987
1890-91	1084	3189	5083	403	3267	63408	1559	1741	6659	5574	1324	3782	97073
1891-92	1045	2506	4935	430	3060	62239	1388	1480	5729	3873	1148	3556	91389
1892-93	1146	2690	6035	411	3637	60213	1680	2080	5215	4512	1377	3425	92421
1893-94	1335	3072	5925	531	4300	66622	1775	1934	5053	4741	1318	3592	100198
1894-95 (12 mths & 4 days)	1289	2965	6565	437	4608	71227	1967	1972	5832	5730	1382	3769	107743
1895-96	1423	3113	5018	563	4531	68120	1645	1686	7657	5430	1807	4406	105399
1896-97	1334	2753	5128	576	4894	67203	1763	2278	6760	5126	1645	4686	104146
1897-98	1432	2893	5096	565	5263	64036	1682	2534	5125	4892	1444	4401	99364
TOTAL...	21758	46640	98921	7448	66201	1068821	26548	31583	101125	92589	12579	57471	1631684

Total Number of Volumes borrowed from the Lending Library 1,492,534
Total Number of Volumes consulted in the Reference Library 139,150

1,631,684

Table of Issues in the Lending Library, 1897-98.

Month.	No. of days open.	Theology and Philosophy.	Biography and Correspondence.	History, Travels, &c.	Law, Politics, &c.	Arts and Sciences.	Fiction.	Poetry, Drama, and Classics.	Miscellaneous Literature.	Magazines and Reviews.	Juvenile Literature.	Foreign Literature.	Total Volumes.	Total Borrowers.
April	19	96	173	274	20	274	5534	84	108	223	386	107	7279	7121
May.....	22	113	170	304	20	273	5771	72	98	244	409	111	7585	7412
June	20	91	170	219	20	213	4641	56	82	182	352	89	6115	5962
July.....	20	57	109	182	26	189	4158	50	91	153	276	76	5367	5228
August ..	2	6	12	25	2	25	564	7	5	6	36	11	699	684
September	22	60	143	281	32	223	5491	76	97	206	395	122	7126	6956
October ..	21	90	175	341	42	328	5970	136	139	332	424	148	8125	7947
November	22	129	219	404	48	346	6084	144	131	294	462	137	8398	8210
December	20	93	192	321	40	337	5518	93	152	289	444	128	7607	7415
January ..	22	108	238	474	47	421	6815	157	154	349	642	135	9540	9322
February	20	113	275	408	32	439	6459	155	159	333	517	140	9030	8789
March....	23	142	369	462	33	447	7031	154	164	319	549	139	9809	9570
Total	233	1098	2245	3695	362	3515	64036	1184	1380	2930	4892	1343	86680*a*	84616

Periodicals issued for Home Reading .. .. .. 3666.

a This includes 2047 Volumes issued from the Petersham Branch.

Table of Issues in the Reference Library, 1897-98.

Month.	No. of days open.	Theology and Philosophy.	Biography and Correspondence.	History, Travels, &c.	Law, Politics, &c.	Arts and Sciences.	Poetry, Drama, and Classics.	Miscellaneous Literature.	Magazines and Reviews.	Foreign Literature.	Total Volumes.	Total Readers.
April	19	24	58	111	21	184	40	71	209	7	725	547
May.....	22	39	65	102	17	164	50	72	187	3	699	506
June	20	22	39	71	14	110	28	45	134	7	470	377
July	20	15	39	88	11	110	36	37	100	0	436	353
August	2	6	14	29	3	15	9	15	25	0	116	85
September	22	49	61	93	23	128	64	100	293	5	816	677
October	21	39	37	132	9	148	40	92	233	10	740	554
November	22	36	46	140	11	172	58	82	232	18	795	588
December	20	24	91	91	13	143	45	186	194	19	806	642
January	22	38	67	159	33	170	64	179	258	12	980	702
February	20	19	76	124	17	103	29	99	157	4	628	484
March.....	23	13	40	117	27	213	28	74	146	13	671	484
Total	233	324	633	1257	199	1660	491	1052	2168	98	7882*	5999

File Volumes of Newspapers and Periodicals consulted .. .. 735.

*To this must be added the Sunday Issues as follows: 25 Sundays, 401 Volumes to 382 Readers; Daily average, 16.

Total Issues in Lending and Reference Libraries, 1897-98.

Month.	No. of days open.	Theology and Philosophy.	Biography and Correspondence.	History, Travels, &c.	Law, Politics, &c.	Arts and Sciences.	Fiction.	Poetry, Drama, and Classics.	Miscellaneous Literature.	Magazines and Reviews.	Juvenile Literature.	Foreign Literature.	Total Volumes.	Total Borrowers and Readers.	Daily Average of Issues.
April	19	120	231	385	41	458	5534	124	179	432	386	114	8004	7668	421
May	22	152	235	406	37	437	5771	122	170	431	409	114	8284	7918	377
June	20	113	209	290	34	323	4641	84	127	316	352	96	6585	6339	329
July	20	72	148	270	37	299	4158	86	128	253	276	76	5803	5581	290
August ..	2	12	26	54	5	40	564	16	20	31	36	11	815	769	408
September	22	109	204	374	55	351	5491	140	197	499	395	127	7942	7633	361
October ..	21	129	212	473	51	476	5970	176	231	565	424	158	8865	8501	422
November	22	165	265	544	59	518	6084	202	213	526	462	155	9193	8798	418
December	20	117	283	412	53	480	5518	138	338	483	444	147	8413	8057	421
January ..	22	146	305	633	80	591	6815	221	333	607	642	147	10520	10024	478
February	20	132	351	532	49	542	6459	184	258	490	517	144	9658	9273	483
March....	23	155	409	579	60	660	7031	182	238	465	549	152	10480	10054	456
Total	233	1422	2878	4952	561	5175	64036	1675	2432	5098	4892	1441	94562	90615	406

Number of Volumes issued (Week Days).....	94,562
,, ,, (Sundays)	401
Unbound Numbers of Periodicals and File Volumes of Newspapers consulted	4,401
	99,364

Daily Average (Week Days).....	425
Daily Average (25 Sundays).....	16
Population in 1897 (estimated)	30,600
Proportionate issue to each inhabitant	3·24

CLASSIFICATION OF BORROWERS,

To whom Tickets have been issued during the year 1897-98.

OCCUPATIONS.

Accountants	6
Agents and Collectors	19
Architects and Surveyors	9
Army and Navy Officers	23
Artists and Designers	16
Assistants and Salesmen	20
Auctioneers	2
Author	1
Bakers and Confectioners	9
Barristers and Solicitors	17
Blacksmiths and Fitters	7
Boatbuilders	3
Booksellers and Stationers	7
Bootmakers	4
Botanists	4
Broker	1
Builders	4
Cabinet Makers and Upholsterers	8
Carpenters and Joiners	7
Chemists	5
Civil Servants	14
Clergy	15
Clerks	141
Coachmen	4
Curator	1
Domestic Servants	55
Drapers and Drapers' Assistants	38
Dressmakers and Milliners	26
Dyers	2
Electricians	9
Engineers	13
Fishmongers	2
Fruiterers	4
Furniture Dealer	1
Gardeners and Florists	14
Grocers	18
Hairdresser	1
Innkeepers	9
Ironmongers	3
Jewellers and Watchmakers	3
Journalists	9
Ladies	882
Lecturer	1
Managers	14
Medical Men	11
Merchants and Manufacturers	12
Messengers	5
Milkman	1
Music Teachers and Musicians	11
Nurses	11
Painters, Plumbers, and Decorators	15
Photographers and Photographic Artists	13
Police Officers	5
Porters	6
Postmen	4
Printers	10
Railway Officials	3
Registrars	2
Sailmaker	1
Schoolmasters and Teachers	67
Secretaries	5
Sexton	1
Students and Scholars	114
Tailors	15
Telegraphist	1
Tobacconist	1
Travellers	9
Undertaker	1
Warehousemen	3
Occupations not stated	148
	1,926

CLASSIFICATION OF BORROWERS—(*continued.*)

Ages.

Under 15	58
15 to 20	321
21 to 30	379
31 to 40	212
41 to 50	137
Above 50	159
Not stated	660
	1,926

Ratepayers & Non-Ratepayers.

Ratepayers	471
Non-Ratepayers	1,455
	1,926

Sexes.

Males	807
Females	1,119
	1,926

TOTAL NUMBER OF BORROWERS.

Since the Opening of the Library in 1881.

Borrowers joined Lending Library—1881-82	3,180
,, ,, ,, ,, 1882-83	1,228
,, ,, ,, ,, 1883-84	2,060
,, ,, ,, ,, 1884-85	1,432
,, ,, ,, ,, 1885-86	1,907
,, ,, ,, ,, 1886-87	1,469
,, ,, ,, ,, 1887-88	1,926
,, ,, ,, ,, 1888-89	1,516
,, ,, ,, ,, 1889-90	1,772
,, ,, ,, ,, 1890-91	1,719
,, ,, ,, ,, 1891-92	1,490
,, ,, ,, ,, 1892-93	1,936
,, ,, ,, ,, 1893-94	1,728
,, ,, ,, ,, 1894-95	1,898
,, ,, ,, ,, 1895-96	1,948
,, ,, ,, ,, 1896-97	1,866
,, ,, ,, ,, 1897-98	1,926
	31,001
Total cancelled	27,745
Actual number of Tickets in use 31st March, 1898	3,256*

*Of these, 265 are from Kew, 76 from Petersham, and 59 from North Sheen.

Tickets are only available for two years, after which they must be renewed.

*MONTHLY SHILLING BOOK FUND.

BALANCE SHEET, 1897-98.

Dr.	£	s.	d.	Cr.	£	s.	d.
To Balance brought forward	0	0	11½	By Expenditure on the Purchase of Books (14 vols)	2	11	4
,, Amount of Subscriptions received during the year	2	10	6	Balance put in Donation Box	0	0	1½
	£2	11	5½		£2	11	5½

Examined with the vouchers and found correct.

27th May, 1898. CLIFFORD B. EDGAR.

LIST OF SUBSCRIBERS.

Arbuthnot, General Sir C.
Gibbons, Miss
Handley, Colonel
Reid, Major J. H. S.
Spicer, Mrs. R.

* This "Book Fund" has now been discontinued.

DONORS OF BOOKS.

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	VOLS.
Anderson, Dr. J.	1
Anderson, Major J. E., Mortlake	1
Anonymously presented, 20 volumes and 4 pamphlets	
Baker, Mrs. B., 2 pamphlets	
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Bower, Mrs. H.	2
Brewer, Mr. F. J., Richmond	1
Brinsmead, Mr. E.	1
British and Foreign School Society Report	
British Museum, Trustees of the, 11 volumes of Publications, and 15 parts of the printed General Catalogue (in continuation)	
Brodrick, the Hon. Miss, Richmond	5
Brown, Mr. J., Mus. Bac., Richmond	1
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Buckley, Mr. T. J. W.	1
Canada, Commissioner of Agriculture, Ottawa, 1 pamphlet	
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Crisp, Mr F. A.	1
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Dublin University, Calendar and Examination Papers	2
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Ellis, Mr. C.	1
Emigrants' Information Office, Circulars and Handbooks	
Fagelund, Mrs., Richmond	12
"Farm, Field, and Fireside," Publisher of	1
Fielding, Mrs.	1
Footpath Preservation Society (National) Report	
Foster, Rev. A E, Richmond, 2 pamphlets	
Fox, Mr. J. A., Richmond	1
Friends, Society of	3
Friends' Tract Society	1
Fryer, Mr. A. C.	1
Gane, Mr D. M., Richmond	2
Hampton, Mr. W.	1
Hannon, Mrs., Richmond	64
Harney, Mrs., Richmond, 25 volumes and 11 pamphlets	
Hart, Miss, Richmond	2

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Headley, Rev. T. G., Petersham, 3 pamphlets	
Hertslet, Sir E., K.C.B., Richmond	1
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Hobson, Mrs., Richmond	2
Holthouse, Mrs., Richmond	4
Hudson, Mr. W., Twickenham, 22 book supports	
Hunter, Mr. A. C., Richmond	1
Johnson, Mrs., Richmond	6
Johnstone, Miss C. L.	2
Kew Observatory, Annual Report and 1 pamphlet	
King, Mrs., Richmond	100
Knight, Miss, Richmond	3
Laurie, Mr J., Richmond, 2 maps	

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Wigan Reference Library (2 parts, in continuation).

ANNUAL REPORTS.

Aberdeen, Aston Manor (Birmingham), Baltimore (Enoch Pratt), Barrow-in-Furness, Battersea, Belfast, Birmingham, Blackburn, Blackpool, Bolton, Boston (U.S.A.), Bradford, Brentford, Bridgeport (Conn.), Brighton, Bristol, Brookline (Mass.), Buxton, Cambridge (Free), Cambridge (University), Cardiff, Carlisle, Chiswick, Clerkenwell, Colchester, Croydon, Derby, Dewsbury, Ealing, Folkestone, Glasgow, (Baillie's Institution), Glasgow (Stirling's and Glasgow), Great Yarmouth, Hammersmith, Hanley, Harlesden, Heginbottom, Hove, Kidderminster, Kilburn, Leamington, Leeds, Leek (Nicholson Institute), Lincoln. Liverpool, Longton, Loughborough, Manchester, New South Wales, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, Oldbury, Oxford (Bodleian), Plymouth, Portsmouth, Preston, Rochdale, Rotherhithe, St. George's, Hanover Square, St. Giles, St. Helen's, St. Saviour's, St. Martin-in-the-Fields, Salford, Shakespeare Memorial, Shoreditch, Smethwick, Southampton, Stafford, Stoke Newington. Streatham, Toronto, Twickenham, Walsall, West Bromwich, West Ham, Westminster, Whitechapel, Wigan, Willesden Green, Wimbledon, and Wolverhampton.

	VOLS.
Library Assistants' Association, Annual Report	
London University Guide and Calendar	1
Long, Mr. F.	2
Love and Wyman, Messrs., Ltd	1
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Man, Isle of, The Secretary of the Board of Advertising	4
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Martin, Mr. J.	1
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New South Wales, Agent-General for, 4 pamphlets	
"News," Publisher of	3
Nimmo, Miss, Richmond	2
Patent Office, Publications	
Pennell, Mr. A. P., Richmond	5
Pennell, Colonel C., Richmond	3
Pitcher, Mr H. W.	1
Pownall, Mrs. H. W., St. Margaret's	2
Queensland, Agent-General for	5
Reeve, Miss, Richmond	87
Richmond Branch of the National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children, Report	
Richmond Horticultural Society, Report, 4 copies	
Richmond Philanthropic Society, Report, 3 copies	
Richmond, Princess Mary Adelaide Training Home for Servants, Report	
Richmond (Royal) Hospital, Report	
Richmond Swimming Club, Rules, &c.	
Richmond Technical Education Committee, Report	
Richmond Young Men's Christian Association, Reports and Programmes	
Richmond Young Women's Christian Association, Reports	
Richmond Union, Annual Statements and Parochial Lists	
Rogers, Mrs. Sydney J., Richmond	8
Royal Gardens, Kew, Director of	1
Royal National Lifeboat Institution, Report	
Russell, Lady Agatha, Richmond, 1 pamphlet	
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Sellé, Dr. W. C., Richmond, 2 pamphlets	
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Smith, Mr. T. A., Kew Gardens	2
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Technical and Secondary Education, National Association for the Promotion of, Report	
Telfer, Captain J.B.	1
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†Country Sport
*Cricket
†Croydon Guardian
†Cyclist
†Dover Express
†Drapers' Record
†Electrical Engineer
Electrical Review
Engineer
*English Churchman
English Mechanic
Era
†Farm, Field, and Fireside
Field
*Fishing Gazette
Fun
Garden
*Gardeners' Chronicle
†Gardening World
*Good Templars' Watchword
†Grantham Journal
Graphic (2 copies)
Guardian
†Hastings and St. Leonard's Times
†Health News
†Hollandia
†Horticulture, Journal of
Household Words
Illustrated London News (2 copies)
*India
†Inquirer
†Insurance Monitor
†Invention
†Investors' Guardian
*Investors' Review
†Irish Times
†Jewish World
Judy
†Kingston and Surbiton News
Lady
Lady's Pictorial
*Land and Water
Literature
†Literary World
†Local Government Chronicle
†Lock to Lock Times
London
†Madame
*Medical Times
†Middlesex Chronicle
†Middlesex County Times
†Middlesex Independent
†Midland Counties Herald
†Modern Society
†Mothers and Daughters
*Musical News
Nature
†Newcastle Chronicle
†News of the World
Notes and Queries
Outlook, The
†Patents, Illustrated Journal
†Phonetic Journal
†Poultry
†Present Truth
†Public Health Engineer
Public Opinion
Publishers' Circular
Punch (two copies)
†Putney and Wandsworth Borough News
Queen
†Railway News
†Reading Mercury
†Richmond and Twickenham Times (four copies)
†Richmond Herald (four copies)
†River
*Rock
St. James's Budget
Saturday Review

WEEKLIES—(*continued*).

Scotsman
Sketch
*Social Gazette
†South Eastern Herald
†South London Press
†Southport Guardian
†Southport Visitor
Speaker
Spectator
Statist
†Sunday Times
†Surrey Advertiser
†Surrey Comet (three copies)
†Surrey Mirror
†Surrey Times
†Temperance Chronicle
*Temperance Record
†Thames Valley Times (four copies)
†Timber Trades Journal
Truth
†University Correspondent
*War Cry
†Weekly Dispatch
†Weekly Sun
†West London Observer
Westminster Budget
†Wheelwoman
†Worcester Herald
World

MONTHLIES.

Antiquary
Argosy
Army List
Art Journal
Belgravia
†Biblewomen and Nurses
Blackwood's Magazine
Bookman
†Bookseller
†Boys' Own Paper
†Bric-à-Brac
British Workman
Cabinet Maker
†Cabmen's Messenger
Cassell's Magazine
Century Magazine
*Charity Organization Review
*Child's Guardian
†City Mission Magazine
†Concord
Contemporary Review
†Cook's Excursionist
Cornhill Magazine
Cosmopolis
†Educational Times (two copies)
English Illustrated Magazine
†Epicure
†Family Herald
Fortnightly Review
†Free Russia
†Free Sunday Advocate
†Girls' Own Paper
Good Words
Harper's Magazine
†Herald of the Golden Age
†House, The
*Imperial Institute Journal
†Incorporated Accountants' Journal
†Insurance Agent
†Inventor's Review
†Labour Gazette
†Leisure Hour
†Liberator
Library
London Society
*Longman's Magazine
†Machinery Market
Macmillan's Magazine
†Magic Lantern Journal
†Musical Herald
†Musical Times
†Musicians, Incorporated Soc. of, Monthly Journal
National Review
†Nature Notes
†New Church Magazine
Nineteenth Century
†Our Own Gazette
*Our Work
*P.S.A. Leader
Pall Mall Magazine
*Personal Rights
†Pioneer of Wisdom
†Plumber and Decorator
Quiver
†Railway Official Gazette
Review of Reviews
*Sandycombe Road Magazine
†School Music Review
†Seamen, Deceased, Register of Names, &c.
*Strand Magazine
Sunday at Home
†Tailor and Cutter
Temple Bar
Theatre
*Theosophical Review
†Tool and Machinery Register

MONTHLIES—(*continued*).

†Travel
†Vaccination Inquirer
†Vegetarian Messenger
*Victorian
†Weldon's Bazaar of Children's Fashions
†Weldon's Illustrated Dressmaker
†Weldon's Journal of Costumes
†Weldon's Ladies' Journal
Westminster Review
Windsor Magazine
†Young Ladies' Journal
†Zoophilist

QUARTERLIES.

Edinburgh Review
†Educational Record
Navy List
Quarterly Review
*Surrey County Council, Minutes and Reports
†Technical Education—Record of
*Verulam Review

ANNUALS, &c.

Academy Notes
Annual Register
Army List (Hart's)
Art, The Year's
*Building Society, 19th Century, Year Book
Cambridge University Calendar
*Church of England Year Book
Clerical Directory (Crockford's)
Constitutional Year Book
County Councils and Municipal Corporations Companion
*Dublin University Calendar
*Durham University Calendar
Financial Reform Almanack
*Foreign Office List
Harleian Society, Publications
Hazell's Annual
†Kew Observatory, Reports
Kew, Royal Gardens, Bulletins
Library Year Book
†Licensed Victualler's Official Annual
Literary Index
*Local Government Board Annual Reports
London Manual
*London University Guide
*Medical Council, Minutes
*Music, Union of Graduates in, Roll and Kalendar
Oxford University Calendar
Palæontographical Society, Publications
Periodicals, Index to
†Press Guide (Willing's)
†Richmond Corporation Documents, Reports of Institutions, &c.
Rochester Diocesan Directory
Statutes, Public General
Statutes, Revised
Surrey Archæological Society, Publications
Whitaker's Almanack
Who's Who

DIRECTORIES.

†Accountants and Auditors
†Advertisers' A.B.C
*Dentists
†Insurance
†Kingston and District
Law List
London
London, Suburban
*Medical
Middlesex
†Richmond and District
†Stubbs' Directory (Manufacturers, Merchant Shippers & Professional)
Surrey

RAILWAY TIME TABLES.

A.B.C. Railway Guide
Bradshaw
†Caledonian
†District
†Great Eastern
†Great Northern
†Great Western
†London and North-Western
†London and South-Western
†London, Brighton, and South Coast
†London, Chatham, and Dover
†Metropolitan
†Midland
†North British
†North London
†South Eastern

Newspapers and Periodicals taken at the Branch Reading Room

AT

Petersham.

*Those marked * are presented, and those marked † are sent from the Central Department.*

DAILIES.

Daily Chronicle
Daily News
Evening News
Star

WEEKLIES.

*Bicycling News
*Christian Herald
†Christian World
*Church Family Newspaper
*Cyclist
†Gardening World
†Graphic
†Guardian
†Illustrated London News
*Middlesex Chronicle
*Middlesex County Times
*News of the World
*Phonetic Journal
†Poultry
*Richmond and Twickenham Times
*Richmond Herald
†Rock
†Speaker
*Surrey Advertiser
*Surrey Comet
*Surrey Times
*Thames Valley Times
†Westminster Budget

MONTHLIES.

Boys' Own Paper
Chambers's Journal
Good Words
*Herald of the Golden Age
Leisure Hour
*Musical Times
*School Music Review
*Vegetarian Messenger
*Young Ladies' Journal

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†A.B.C. Railway Guide
*District
*London and North-Western
*London and South-Western
*London, Brighton, and South Coast
*Metropolitan
*South Eastern

Financial Statement

For the Year ended 31st March, 1898.

Dr. **REVENUE**

Income.

To	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Surplus at 31st March, 1897, as per last Report ..				173	15	8½
Free Public Library Rate				994	9	2
CENTRAL LIBRARY.						
Library Receipts:						
Fines	71	0	11			
Damaged and Lost Books	2	17	3			
Sale of Catalogues (general)	15	18	6			
Sale of Catalogues of Juvenile Section	0	0	3			
Sale of Periodicals	5	5	4½			
Sale of Waste Paper	1	1	4			
				96	3	7½
Donations towards Library Funds				1	3	4
New Catalogue:						
Advertisements inserted in Catalogue				27	9	0
Furniture and Fittings:						
Sale of old Wenham Lamps	5	0	0			
Sale of old Linoleum..	2	15	0			
				7	15	0
Carried forward				£1,300	15	10

Year ended 31st March, 1898.

ACCOUNT.

Cr.

Expenditure.

By

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
CENTRAL LIBRARY.			
Salaries and Wages:			
Librarian		175 0 0	
Assistants		154 13 6	
Porter		72 13 6	
			402 7 0
Books, Papers, &c.:			
Books, &c. (New)	209 1 10		
Books (Replacements)	9 10 4		
		218 12 2	
Binding		56 7 6	
Magazines		51 17 5	
Newspapers		25 4 4½	
			352 1 5½
New Catalogue, 1897:			
Printing		185 16 9	
Commission on Advertisements inserted in Catalogue ..		2 14 11	
			188 11 8
Printing, Stationery, and Advertisements:			
Printing Annual Report ..		6 6 6	
Printing (General)		11 4 11	
Stationery		11 17 5	
			29 8 10
Fuel, Light, and Cleaning:			
Coal, Coke, and Wood		12 18 0	
Gas and Matches		45 18 2	
Cleaning Materials, &c. ..		2 6 8	
Wages of Cleaner		15 12 0	
			76 14 10
Furniture and Fittings:			
Gas Fittings and Repairs ..		3 18 4	
Fittings and Repairs		72 14 1½	
			76 12 5½
Miscellaneous:			
Insurance of Books, Pictures, &c.		3 15 5	
Librarian's Guarantee		0 5 9	
Assurance of Porter		0 5 6	
Subscriptions to			
Palæontographical Society	1 1 0		
Harleian Society	2 2 0		
Surrey Archæological Society..	0 10 0		
Library Association of the United Kingdom	1 1 0		
International Library Conference	2 2 0		
		6 16 0	
Gardening		1 17 6	
Rent of temporary Reading Room		3 0 0	
Postages, Carriage of Parcels, &c.		10 19 0½	
Court Fees, Summons, &c., for recovery of Book		0 6 6	
			27 5 8½
Carried forward			£1,153 1 11½

REVENUE

Income.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Brought forward..				1300	15	10
PETERSHAM BRANCH.						
Library Receipts:						
Fines	0	6	7			
Sale of Periodicals	0	3	1½			
				0	9	8½
				£1301	5	6½

BALANCE

31st

Dr. Liabilities.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To						
Sundry Creditors				243	19	10
Balance being excess of Assets:						
Books, &c., purchased out of Revenue.. ..	4934	8	6			
Surplus on Revenue Account	130	13	5			
				5065	1	11
				£5309	1	9

ACCOUNT.—*Continued.*

Expenditure.	£	s.	d.
Brought forward	1153	1	11½
KEW BRANCH.			
Glazing Windows	0	16	6
PETERSHAM BRANCH.			
Rent, &c., of Reading Room ..	11	14	0
Newspapers and Magazines.. ..	4	6	3
Insurance of Books, &c.	0	1	7
Writing and fixing Notice Board ..	0	11	10
	1170	12	1½
Balance, Surplus at 31st March, 1898	130	13	5
	£1301	5	6½

SHEET,

March, 1898.

Assets.						Cr.		
By	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Books, Maps, Pictures, &c.				4934	8	6
Cash Balances:						
Treasurer	350	13	4			
Librarian	23	19	11			
				374	13	3
				£5309	1	9

H. RICHARDS,

BOROUGH ACCOUNTANT,

Borough of Richmond, Surrey.

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COMMITTEE AND OFFICERS, 1898-9.

Chairman.

THE MAYOR (MR. COUNCILLOR C. B. EDGAR, J.P.

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ALBERT A. BARKAS.

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A. W. CROCKFORD.

Assistants.

C. ROCHESTER. G. DENNE. D. C. HAMILTON.

Attendant.

W. KIRBY

Eighteenth Annual Report

OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE

RICHMOND PUBLIC LIBRARY.

To the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the Borough of Richmond, Surrey.

GENTLEMEN,

The Public Library Committee have pleasure in submitting their Eighteenth Annual Report, and are glad to believe that the facts set forth in the following pages prove the usefulness and general efficiency of the Institution to be well maintained.

Issues.

The issues for the past two years are as follows:—

Year.		Days Open.	Issues in Lending Library.	Issues in Reference Library.	Total Issues (Both Depts.)	Average Daily Issue.
1897-98	...	233	90,346	9,018	99,364	425
1898-99	...	244	92,945	8,944	101,889	418

The decrease in the daily average as compared with the previous year is consequent on the alteration of the rules in August last, by which the time allowed for the home-reading of non-fiction was extended from seven days to a fortnight, thereby reducing the number of renewals. The Committee are glad to learn that this change is giving general satisfaction.

Borrowers.

New tickets have been issued to 1,895 readers, and the number of borrowers for home-reading is now 3,246. Of these, 314 are from Kew, 76 from Petersham, and 80 from North Sheen.

Overdue Books, Fines, &c.

Concurrently with the extension of the time limit for the home-reading of non-fiction, it was decided last year to increase the fines for books more than one week overdue, from one penny to twopence for each week, or part of a week. The amount received from this source realised £79 8s. 2d. as compared with £71 os. 11d. last year. Circulars for the return of overdue books were sent to 1,038 borrowers, a decrease of 25 on the previous year's figures.

The arrangement under which by payment of one penny a borrower may secure the early use of a book in great demand appears to be appreciated, no less than 946 pennies having been received during the year for this purpose.

Additions to Stock.

There have been added to the Library 1,582 volumes, of which 821 have been placed in the Lending Library, 751 in the Reference Library, and 10 in the Branch Library at Petersham. Of these, 732 were presented, and the remaining 850 were purchased by the Committee. The number of books withdrawn as worn out and useless is 9, leaving a total of 25,496 volumes in the Library, a net increase of 1,573 as compared with 23,923 the total last year.

The following table shews the additions in the several classes of literature.

A.	Theology and Philosophy	48
B.	Biography and Correspondence	103
C.	History, Topography, Voyages, and Travels	181
D.	Law, Politics, Social Economy, &c. ...	52
E.	Arts (including Music), Sciences, and Natural History	111
F.	Fiction	130
G.	Poetry, Drama, and Classics	36
H.	Miscellaneous Literature	72
I.	Magazines and Reviews	68
J.	Juvenile Literature	19
K.	Foreign Literature	1
R.L.	Reference Library	751
	Petersham Branch	10
		1582

It will be seen from the above list that the claims of studious readers are not overlooked, and the Committee are glad to think that their efforts to provide works which shall be of assistance and benefit to students, and of permanent value to the intelligent reading public, are being appreciated, for it is a noticeable feature in the returns that the percentage of fiction read shews a steady decrease during the past three years.

The following table is interesting, as shewing the growth of the Library from the opening in June, 1881, when 7,100 volumes were on the shelves.

Total Stock		March	25th	1882	...	8924
,,	,,	,,	,,	1883	...	9919
,,	,,	,,	,,	1884	...	10644
,,	,,	,,	,,	1885	...	11344
,,	,,	,,	,,	1886	...	11952
,,	,,	,,	,,	1887	...	14044
,,	,,	,,	,,	1888	(Library Building extended.)	14643
,,	,,	,,	,,	1889	...	15620
,,	,,	,,	,,	1890	...	16592
,,	,,	,,	,,	1891	...	17076
,,	,,	,,	,,	1892	...	17662
,,	,,	,,	,,	1893	...	18137
,,	,,	,,	,,	1894	...	19421
,,	,,	March	31st	1895	...	20435
,,	,,	,,	,,	1896	...	22050
,,	,,	,,	,,	1897	...	22594
,,	,,	,,	,,	1898	...	23923
,,	,,	,,	,,	1899	...	25496

The pressing need for additional shelf accommodation, referred to in last year's report, is becoming more and more urgent, and the time is rapidly approaching when all the possible available space will be occupied. The Committee have adopted a scheme which will afford temporary relief, but how to provide for future needs is a question which must engage their attention at an early date. The anomalous condition of having more books than shelf room cannot be maintained for any length of time without serious detriment to the best interests of the Library.

News Room, etc.

The visits to the Library shew a large increase upon previous years, and the reading rooms are very often crowded beyond the accommodation they possess. From an actual count made in

February last, it was ascertained that 7149 visitors entered the building in one week, a daily average of 1191, or an increase of 136 as compared with the daily average of a similar census taken in the year 1892, an abundant proof of the usefulness of the Institution. The details of the census are as follows:—

Monday	1247
Tuesday	1112
Wednesday	1114
Thursday	1137
Friday (Lending library closed on this day)	790
Saturday	1749

	Men.	Women	Juveniles.
	4124	2378	647
Hourly Averages	53	30	8
Daily Averages	687	396	108

The Librarian reports that the general good order maintained by visitors to the Library is very satisfactory.

Stocktaking.

A noteworthy feature of the year's work is the fact that at the Annual Stocktaking in August last, after an issue of over 100,000 volumes, all the books were accounted for, and only 4 volumes valued at 9s. 8d. had been lost by default, *i.e.*, were in the hands of readers who had left the town and whose whereabouts it was impossible to trace.

Catalogues.

The fourth edition of the Lending Library Catalogue published in December, 1897, continues to sell well. During the past year 403 copies were sold, making a total of 1,040 out of an edition of 2,500. The Manuscript Catalogue of the Reference Library is written up to date, and is always to be found in a state of strict alphabetical sequence.

Binding.

There have been 1,004 volumes bound and re-bound during the year, a slight increase on last year, whilst a large number have been repaired upon the premises. The binding includes the making-up of Magazines, Reviews, and certain local Newspapers into volumes for use in the Lending and Reference Departments.

Petersham Branch.

The average evening attendance in this room has been 9 as compared with 7 last year, but the number of volumes issued has decreased from 2,047 to 1,810. The latter, however, does not indicate the whole use made of the Library by the Petersham borrowers, for there are several who from time to time avail themselves of the privilege of applying either at the Central or the Branch Library as they may think fit.

Sunday Opening.

As regards the Sunday use of the Library, the Committee report a slight increase on last year's returns. The following are the details of the attendances since the Library was first opened on that day :—

Year	Sundays Open.	Total Attendance.	Average per Sunday.	Men.	Women.	Juveniles.	Books Consulted.
1894-95	26	2,912	112	73	12	27	225
1895-96	26	3,598	138	82	10	46	600
1896-97	25	3,412	136	77	9	50	371
1897-98	25	3,065	123	72	10	41	401
1898-99	25	3,147	126	73	11	42	327

The Library is open for 3 hours, i.e., from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. each Sunday from October to March inclusive.

Donors.

A list of those who have presented books, etc., to the Library will be found on pages 18-21 of this Report, but special mention should be made of a valuable and interesting collection of 358 volumes presented by Mrs. G. J. Harney, from the Library of the late George Julian Harney, of Richmond.

Apart from the usual gifts of books and papers is one deserving of special notice on account of its value and local interest. This is a framed Medallion Portrait of Edmund Kean, the celebrated actor, who in 1831 became the Lessee of the old Richmond Theatre on the Green, and who resided in a small house adjoining. He died in 1833, and his remains were interred in the Richmond Parish Church. The Medallion, which is a cast of that set up by his son, Charles Kean, in the year 1839, was obtained by subscriptions from a number of influential residents of the Borough and others, and presented by the subscribers to the Committee for permanent exhibition in the Library; together with the mould from which the cast was taken. The gift is the more valuable seeing that the original medallion is shewing signs of rapid decay.

To these donors, as well as to all those who have given books, papers, and money, the Committee tender their most hearty thanks.

Staff.

In conclusion, the Committee desire again to testify to the very satisfactory manner in which the Library Staff perform their important and increasing duties.

Signed on behalf of the Committee,

CLIFFORD B. EDGAR,

Chairman.

3rd May, 1899.

CLASSIFICATION AND NUMBER OF VOLUMES IN THE LIBRARY.

Shewing the Increase during the Year ended 31st March, 1899.

Class Letter.	Classification of Books in the Lending Library.	No. of Vols. 1897-98.	No. of Vols. 1898-99.
A	Theology and Philosophy	735	782
B	Biography and Correspondence	1297	1400
C	History, Topography, Voyages, and Travels	1612	1798
D	Law, Politics, Social Economy, &c	286	338
E	Arts, Sciences, and Natural History	1771	1881
F	Prose Fiction	3428	3558
G	Poetry, Drama, and Classics	903	946
H	Miscellaneous English Literature	649	722
I	Magazines and Reviews	976	1044
J	Juvenile Literature	609	628
K	Foreign Literature	546	547
		12812	13644
	Petersham Library	459	469
		13271	14113
	Reference Library	**10652**	**11383**
	Total Volumes	**23923**	**25496**

Volumes lost or damaged, and replaced by Borrowers or Guarantors 17
Volumes transferred from Reference Library to Lending Library 14
Volumes withdrawn, being worn out, useless, or duplicate 3 from Lending Library, and 6 from Reference Library) 9
Volumes lost by default (Lending Library) 5

Table shewing Total Issues for the seventeen years and nine months that the Library has been opened.

Year.	Theology and Philosophy.	Biography and Correspondence	History, Travels, &c.	Law, Politics, &c.	Arts and Sciences.	Fiction.	Poetry, Drama, and Classics.	Miscellaneous Literature.	Magazines and Reviews.	Juvenile Literature.	Foreign Literature.	Periodicals (Unbound Numbers).	Total Volumes.
1881-82 (9 months only)	1375	2414	5835	281	3523	42535	1351	1729	3245	4656	..	779	67723
1882-83	1356	2190	4960	298	3600	57726	1364	1399	5414	5639	..	1958	85904
1883-84	1104	2332	5206	323	3438	58543	1504	1570	5134	5194	..	2623	86971
1884-85	1143	2136	5120	328	3169	58272	1292	1366	5085	5321	..	2906	86138
1885-86	1416	2474	6291	449	3667	60922	1364	1851	5981	6147	..	4371	94933
1886-87	1394	2647	6141	349	4261	60054	1581	1909	5774	6340	..	3511	93961
1887-88	1331	2818	6569	537	3996	69465	1739	1789	7599	6521	..	3005	105369
1888-89	1366	3078	7453	510	3567	69999	1402	1964	7867	6659	..	3100	106965
1889-90	1185	3370	7561	456	3420	68237	1492	2301	6996	6234	1134	3601	105987
1890-91	1084	3189	5083	403	3267	63408	1559	1741	6659	5574	1324	3782	97073
1891-92	1045	2506	4935	430	3060	62239	1388	1480	5729	3873	1148	3556	91389
1892-93	1146	2690	6035	411	3637	60213	1680	2080	5215	4512	1377	3425	92421
1893-94	1335	3072	5925	531	4300	66622	1775	1934	5053	4741	1318	3592	100198
1894-95 (12 mths & 4 days)	1289	2965	6565	437	4608	71227	1967	1972	5832	5730	1382	3769	107743
1895-96	1423	3113	5018	563	4531	68120	1645	1686	7657	5430	1807	4406	105399
1896-97	1334	2753	5128	576	4894	67203	1763	2278	6760	5126	1645	4686	104146
1897-98	1432	2893	5096	566	5263	64036	1682	2534	5125	4892	1444	4401	99364
1898-99	1243	3361	5529	652	5197	66615	1796	2482	4986	4636	1598	3794	101889
TOTAL....	23001	50001	104450	8100	71398	1135436	28344	34065	106111	97225	14177	61265	1733573

Total Number of Volumes borrowed from the Lending Library 1,585,479
Total Number of Volumes consulted in the Reference Library 148,094

1,733,573

Table of Issues in the Lending Library, 1898-99.

Month.	No. of days open.	Theology and Philosophy.	Biography and Correspondence.	History, Travels, &c.	Law, Politics, &c.	Arts and Sciences.	Fiction.	Poetry, Drama, and Classics	Miscellaneous Literature.	Magazines and Reviews.	Juvenile Literature.	Foreign Literature.	Total Volumes.	Total Borrowers.
April	19	111	225	365	27	315	5993	119	152	339	466	157	8269	8063
May.....	21	85	181	336	16	320	5986	108	106	305	418	159	8020	7838
June	22	103	234	305	34	270	5465	107	119	283	389	117	7426	7236
July.....	20	31	173	293	15	191	4165	83	88	242	151	64	5496	5374
August ..	13	33	84	175	14	144	2746	43	49	91	222	63	3664	3579
September	21	69	178	317	23	262	5164	82	105	196	406	127	6929	6803
October ..	22	69	273	357	36	309	6445	140	126	270	430	156	8611	8411
November	22	99	218	381	43	355	6085	112	146	261	368	144	8212	8021
December	20	92	244	335	38	283	5892	97	99	296	407	118	7901	7708
January ..	22	69	217	382	32	342	6282	112	144	270	466	153	8469	8249
February	20	128	230	377	35	394	6013	111	129	294	440	135	8286	8049
March....	22	109	280	373	29	402	6379	138	137	302	473	141	8763	8536
Total	244	998	2537	3996	342	3587	66615	1252	1400	3149	4636	1534	90046*a*	87867

Periodicals issued for Home Reading 2899

a This includes 1810 Volumes issued from the Petersham Branch.

Table of Issues in the Reference Library, 1898-99.

Month.	No. of days open.	Theology and Philosophy.	Biography and Correspondence.	History, Travels, &c.	Law, Politics, &c.	Arts and Sciences.	Poetry, Drama, and Classics.	Miscellaneous Literature.	Magazines and Reviews.	Foreign Literature.	Total Volumes.	Total Readers.
April	19	14	27	100	31	109	28	74	131	12	526	439
May.....	21	16	99	109	20	131	63	97	79	1	615	422
June	22	39	53	112	13	124	33	62	74	0	510	390
July	20	26	177	106	24	122	45	61	78	2	641	434
August	13	31	59	82	16	86	36	65	62	9	446	353
September	21	18	43	107	34	97	42	55	161	5	562	444
October	22	26	60	152	27	165	54	99	200	2	785	663
November	22	16	58	126	34	193	70	78	243	2	820	678
December	20	14	48	114	52	159	42	90	210	7	736	592
January	22	26	52	119	37	145	44	142	282	15	862	706
February	20	13	66	138	13	124	36	95	149	2	636	503
March.....	22	6	74	75	7	101	47	113	155	5	583	453
Total	244	245	816	1340	308	1556	540	1031	1824	62	7722*	6077

File Volumes of Newspapers and Periodicals consulted 895

*To this must be added the Sunday Issues as follows: 25 Sundays, 327 Volumes to 311 Readers; Daily average, 13

Total Issues in Lending and Reference Libraries, 1898-99.

Month.	No. of days open.	Theology and Philosophy.	Biography and Correspondence.	History, Travels, &c.	Law, Politics, &c.	Arts and Sciences.	Fiction.	Poetry, Drama, and Classics.	Miscellaneous Literature.	Magazines and Reviews.	Juvenile Literature.	Foreign Literature.	Total Volumes.	Total Borrowers and Readers.	Daily Average of Issues.
April	19	125	252	465	58	424	5993	147	226	470	466	169	8795	8502	463
May	21	101	280	445	36	451	5986	171	203	384	418	160	8635	8260	411
June	22	142	287	417	47	394	5465	140	181	357	389	117	7936	7626	361
July	20	57	350	399	39	313	4165	128	149	320	151	66	6137	5808	307
August ..	13	64	143	257	30	230	2746	79	114	153	222	72	4110	3932	316
September	21	87	221	424	57	359	5164	124	160	357	406	132	7491	7247	357
October ..	22	95	333	509	63	474	6445	194	225	470	430	158	9396	9074	427
November	22	115	276	507	77	548	6085	182	224	504	368	146	9032	8699	411
December	20	106	292	449	90	442	5892	139	189	506	407	125	8637	8300	432
January ..	22	95	269	501	69	487	6282	156	286	552	466	168	9331	8955	424
February	20	141	296	515	48	518	6013	147	224	443	440	137	8922	8552	446
March....	22	115	354	448	36	503	6379	185	250	457	473	146	9346	8989	425
Total	244	1243	3353	5336	650	5143	66615	1792	2431	4973	4636	1596	97768	93944	401

Number of Volumes issued (Week Days).....	97,768
,, ,, (Sundays)	327
Unbound Numbers of Periodicals and File Volumes of Newspapers consulted	3,794
	101,889

Daily Average (Week Days).....	418
Daily Average (25 Sundays).....	13
Population in 1898 (estimated)	31,000
Proportionate issue to each inhabitant	3·28

CLASSIFICATION OF BORROWERS,

To whom Tickets have been issued during the year 1898-99.

OCCUPATIONS.

Accountants	12
Actors	2
Agents and Collectors	12
Apprentices	7
Architects and Surveyors	10
Army and Navy Officers	15
Artists and Designers	10
Assistants and Salesmen	16
Auctioneers	3
Authors	5
Bakers	2
Barristers and Solicitors	19
Bell Ringer	1
Blacksmiths and Fitters	3
Boatbuilder	1
Booksellers and Stationers	4
Botanists	3
Brewer	1
Bricklayers and Stonemasons	4
Brokers	7
Builders	7
Butchers	6
Cabinet Makers and Upholsterers	3
Carpenters and Joiners	13
Carrier	1
Chemists	12
Civil Servants	10
Clergy	8
Clerks	130
Coach Builders	3
Coachman	1
Curator	1
Dealers	3
Domestic Servants	41
Drapers and Drapers' Assistants	40
Dressmakers and Milliners	42
Electricians	9
Engineers	18
Fruiterers	4
Furniture Dealer	1
Gardeners and Florists	16
Grocers	8
Hairdresser	1
Innkeepers	4
Jewellers and Watchmakers	11
Journalists	7
Ladies	830
Laundresses	3
Lecturers	3
Managers	14
Mechanics	4
Medical Men	12
Merchants and Manufacturers	14
Messengers	9
Milkman	1
Music Teachers and Musicians	5
Nurses	21
Painters, Plumbers, and Decorators	8
Photographers and Photographic Artists	5
Police Officers	5
Porters	2
Postmen	7
Printers	10
Railway Officials	3
Registrar	1
Sanitary Inspector	1
Schoolmasters and Teachers	72
Scientist	1
Secretaries	7
Stokers	2
Students and Scholars	86
Tailors	7
Taxidermist	1
Telegraphists	3
Travellers	6
Typewriter	1
Waiters	3
Warehousemen	5
Waterman	1
Occupations not stated	205
	1,895

CLASSIFICATION OF BORROWERS—(*continued*).

Ages.	
Under 15	60
15 to 20	291
21 to 30	408
31 to 40	231
41 to 50	138
Above 50	163
Not stated	604
	1,895

Ratepayers & Non-Ratepayers.	
Ratepayers	517
Non-Ratepayers	1,378
	1,895

Sexes.	
Males	800
Females	1,095
	1,895

TOTAL NUMBER OF BORROWERS.

Since the Opening of the Library in 1881.

Borrowers joined Lending Library—	1881-82	3,180
,, ,, ,, ,,	1882-83	1,228
,, ,, ,, ,,	1883-84	2,060
,, ,, ,, ,,	1884-85	1,432
,, ,, ,, ,,	1885-86	1,907
,, ,, ,, ,,	1886-87	1,469
,, ,, ,, ,,	1887-88	1,926
,, ,, ,, ,,	1888-89	1,516
,, ,, ,, ,,	1889-90	1,772
,, ,, ,, ,,	1890-91	1,719
,, ,, ,, ,,	1891-92	1,490
,, ,, ,, ,,	1892-93	1,936
,, ,, ,, ,,	1893-94	1,728
,, ,, ,, ,,	1894-95	1,898
,, ,, ,, ,,	1895-96	1,948
,, ,, ,, ,,	1896-97	1,866
,, ,, ,, ,,	1897-98	1,926
,, ,, ,, ,,	1898-99	1,895
		32,896
Total cancelled		29,650
Actual number of Tickets in use 31st March, 1899		3,246*

*Of these, 314 are from Kew, 76 from Petersham, and 80 from North Sheen.

Tickets are only available for two years, after which they must be renewed.

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Dimbleby, Mr. F. W., Richmond	6
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Grenville, Rev. Palmer, Richmond	3
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†London, Chatham and Dover (Continental)
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†Midland
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†North London
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*London, Brighton, and South Coast
*Metropolitan
*South Eastern

Financial Statement

For the Year ended 31st March, 1899.

Dr. **REVENUE**

Income.

To	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Surplus at 31st March, 1898, as per last Report ..				130	13	5
Free Public Library Rate				1034	15	3
CENTRAL LIBRARY.						
Library Receipts;						
Fines	79	4	8			
Damaged and Lost Books	2	16	10			
Sale of Catalogues (general)	10	1	6			
Sale of Catalogues of Juvenile Section.. ..	0	0	2			
Sale of Periodicals	3	15	6			
Sale of Waste Paper	2	11	0			
Bespoke Book Fees	3	18	10			
Sundries	0	14	0			
				103	2	6
Donations towards Library Funds				0	19	5
Carried forward..				1269	10	7

Year ended 31st March, 1899.

ACCOUNT.

Cr.

Expenditure.

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
By CENTRAL LIBRARY.			
Salaries and Wages:			
Librarian		190 0 0	
Assistants		178 2 0	
Porter		72 1 6	
			440 3 6
Books, Papers, &c.:			
Books, &c. (New)	208 0 0		
Books (Replacements)	8 14 2		
		216 14 2	
Subscriptions to			
Harleian Society	2 2 0		
Surrey Archæological Society..	0 10 0		
Library Association of the United Kingdom	1 1 0		
		3 13 0	
Binding	63 13 0		
Magazines	47 9 10		
Newspapers	32 18 2		
		144 1 0	
			364 8 2
Printing & Stationery:			
Printing		22 7 6	
Stationery		16 4 3	
			38 11 9
Fuel, Light, and Cleaning:			
Coal, Coke, and Wood		12 0 0	
Gas and Matches		51 16 6	
Cleaning Materials, &c.		2 17 8	
Wages of Cleaner		18 5 3	
			84 19 5
Furniture and Fittings:			
Blinds		7 7 0	
Indicator fittings, &c.		8 14 1	
Fittings and Repairs		30 15 6	
			46 16 7
Miscellaneous:			
Insurance of Books, Pictures, &c...		4 13 0	
Librarian's Guarantee		0 6 6	
Assurance of Porter		0 6 3	
Gardening		3 8 5	
Postages, Carriage of Parcels, &c.		8 12 10	
Inhabited House Duty (2 years) ..		2 10 0	
			19 17 0
Carried forward			994 16 5

REVENUE

Income.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Brought forward..		1269 10 7
PETERSHAM BRANCH.		
Library Receipts:		
Fines..	0 15 3	
Sale of Periodicals	0 3 6	
		0 18 9
		£1270 9 4

BALANCE

31st

Dr. To	Liabilities.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Sundry Creditors			217 4 7
Balance being excess of Assets			
Books, &c., purchased out of Revenue	..	5146 1 6	
Surplus on Revenue Account ..	..	259 9 2	
			5405 10 8
			£5622 15 3

ACCOUNT.—*Continued.*

Expenditure.	£	s.	d.
Brought forward	994	16	5
PETERSHAM BRANCH.			
Rent, &c., of Reading Room	11	14	0
Newspapers and Magazines	4	7	1
Insurance of Books, &c.	0	2	8
	1011	0	2
Balance, Surplus at 31st March, 1899	259	9	2
	£1270	9	4

SHEET.

March, 1899.

Assets.								Cr. £	s.	d.
By										
Books, Maps, Pictures, &c. ..								5146	1	6
Cash Balances:										
Treasurer				436	2	5				
Librarian										
Imprest	30	0	0							
Fines, &c. in hand	10	11	4							
				40	11	4				
								476	13	9
								£5622	15	3

H. RICHARDS,

BOROUGH ACCOUNTANT

Borough of Richmond, Surrey.

NINETEENTH ANNUAL REPORT

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COMMITTEE AND OFFICERS, 1899-1900.

Chairman.

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G. E. DENNE. S. J. BEES. E. J. BELL. W. WINGROVE.

Attendant.

W. KIRBY.

Dineteenth Annual Report

OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE

RICHMOND PUBLIC LIBRARY.

To the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the Borough of Richmond, Surrey.

GENTLEMEN,

It is with pleasure that the Library Committee are able to report favourably on the work accomplished during the year ended March 31st, 1900.

There is a slight decrease in the number of volumes issued as compared with the previous year, but this is the natural result of two obvious causes; first, the operation during the whole year of the extension, from seven days to a fortnight, of the time allowed for the home-reading of non-fiction; and secondly, the unusual amount of interest taken in the current newspapers and periodicals since the outbreak of the South African War.

Issues.

The issues for the past two years are as follows:—

Year.	Days Open.	Issues in Lending Library.	Issues in Reference Library.	Total Issues. (Both Depts.)	Average Daily Issue.
1898-1899 ...	244	92,945	8,944	101,889	418
1899-1900 ...	245	91,233	6,941	98,174	401

Borrowers.

New tickets have been issued to 1,809 readers. Tickets are only available for two years, after which they are cancelled and renewed on application. The number of tickets thus cancelled during the year 1899-1900 was 1,877, and the total number of borrowers now on the Register is 3,178. Of these, 299 are from Kew, 58 from Petersham, and 80 from North Sheen.

Overdue Books, Fines, etc.

The fines for the detention of books beyond the allotted time realised £87 11s. 6d., an increase of £7 11s. 7d. upon last year's figures, whilst 917 circulars were sent out for the return of overdue books, being 121 less than in the previous year.

By payment of one penny a borrower may secure the early use of a book in great demand, and 873 such payments were received during the year.

Additions to Stock.

During the past twelve months the Committee have been able to pay more than usual attention to the selection and purchase of books, with the result that no less than 1,699 volumes, representative of all classes of literature, have been bought at a cost of £369 16s. 8d. This exceeds, by 785 volumes, the number of books purchased in any one year since the library was opened in 1881. In addition to the purchases, 327 volumes have been presented.

Of the total additions 1,454 have been placed in the Lending Library, 500 in the Reference Library, and 12 in the Branch Library at Petersham. Deducting 41, the number of books withdrawn as worn out and useless, there is left a total of 27,481 volumes in the Library, a net increase of 1,985 as compared with 25,496 the total last year.

From time to time it is found absolutely necessary to replace popular works which have become too dilapidated for use. The number of volumes so replaced this year has been 244, at a cost of £20 4s. 8d.

The following table shews the additions to the several classes of literature.

A.	Theology and Philosophy	76
B.	Biography and Correspondence	178
C.	History, Topography, Voyages, and Travels	231
D.	Law, Politics, Social Economy, etc. ...	34
E.	Arts, Sciences, and Natural History, 176 vols. Music, including Scores, Textbooks, and Critical and Historical Works, 285 vols.	461
F.	Prose Fiction	236
G.	Poetry, Drama, and Classics	46
H.	Miscellaneous Literature	73

I.	Magazines and Reviews	53
J.	Juvenile Literature	55
K.	Foreign Literature	11
R.L.	Reference Library	560
	Petersham Branch	12
		2,026

Local Collection.

The Local Collection is still growing and has been considerably strengthened by the addition of several interesting and valuable books, pamphlets, maps, plates, and portraits of local celebrities. The following are a few of the most important.

BOOKS AND PAMPHLETS.

Duck, Stephen, [thatcher, poet to Queen Caroline, and librarian of Merlin's Cave, Richmond.] Poetical Works, with Life. 1st edition. 4to. 1736.

ditto ditto 2nd edition. 8vo. 1737.

Duppa, Bryan, Bp. Holy Rules and Helps to Devotion. (with portrait) 1675.

Harrison, F., Annals of an old Mansion House, Guildford, 1899.

Historical Account of the Making of Richmond New Park in Surry, by King Charles I. 1751.

L'Aubinière, Mons. and Madame C. A. de, The Poetry of Kew Gardens. Reproductions of pictures of parts of the Royal Gardens, Kew, with an Introduction by Sir W. T. Thiselton Dyer. 1896.

Prosser, G. F., Select Illustrations of the County of Surrey. 1828.

Rareties of Richmond; being Exact Descriptions of the Royal Hermitage and Merlin's Cave [in Richmond Gardens]. Adorned with Cuts. 1736.

Scheer, F., Kew and its Gardens. 1840.

Schoberl, M., Description of the County of Surrey (extra illustrated). 2 vols. 1813.

Way and Wheatley, Thames-Side and South Suburban Reliques. 1899.

MAPS, PLANS, AND VIEWS, ETC.

View of Richmond Palace in the time of Henry VII. [1485] (1765.)

View of Richmond from the Etching by Hollar, *circa* 1638.

Plan of the House, Gardens, Park, and Hermitage of their Majesty's at Richmond, and the Prince of Wales's at Kew, by J. Rocque. 1736.

An exact Plan of the Royal Palace, Gardens and Park at Richmond, with Sion House, etc. Surveyed by John Rocque. 1754.

View of Richmond Hill from Earl Cholmondelly's *circa*, 1770.

View [aquatint] looking up the River to Richmond Bridge, *circa* 1790.

Kew Bridge, Original Design of the one now [1899] being demolished. 1783.

Richmond Hill, up the River. Heckell, 1794.

Ordnance Survey of Richmond. 1897, etc. 25 inches to mile. 27 sections.

Ordnance Survey of the County of Surrey, 1891, etc. 6 inches to mile. 159 sections.

Sixty photographs of places and buildings of historic interest in Richmond.

The importance and value of this department of the Library have been referred to in a previous report, and the Committee again appeal for gifts of a local character. In doing so they would quote from a work entitled "A Manual for Readers" by A. W. Robertson, M.A., until recently the librarian of the Aberdeen Public Library. The Author says :—

> "It is one of the objects of the Reference Department to collect and preserve copies of all publications, maps, plans, pictorial illustrations, and similar literature which help to throw light on the history, topography and personal associations of the town and district."
>
> "Many of these publications take the form of pamphlets and other ephemeral publications, which being generally regarded as of little value are apt to pass out of sight."

"Nevertheless, each of these unconsidered trifles has some interest and value for the purposes just mentioned, while of not a few of them it may be said that they come, and that often sooner than anyone could have foreseen, to have a value beyond estimate to future inquirers. It is highly desirable, therefore, that at least one copy of everything of the nature indicated should be deposited in the Public Library."

"Preserved there for all time, it will be a lasting memorial of author and donor, and help to swell the material which subsequent generations will sift for their own purpose, the dross of one age not seldom becoming the precious metal of another. It is to be hoped therefore, that many citizens will co-operate with the Committee and the Librarian in procuring for the Library a full representation of current local literature and other illustrative material, as well as in rescuing from almost certain destruction what still remains of the productions of former days."

News Room, etc.

The News Room and Reference Room are frequented more than ever, and are the most used of all the departments, the tables being often inconveniently crowded with readers of both sexes. The rooms are provided with 25 daily, 148 weekly, 1 fortnightly, 98 monthly, and 9 quarterly papers and periodicals, and 18 time tables. Of these 190 are presented, and the remaining 109 are purchased by the Committee. There is also a cabinet of 101 volumes of reference literature, to which readers have unrestricted access. The Librarian reports most favourably on the general conduct observed in the Library, both as regards the order kept by the visitors and the care of the readers for the books, papers, and other property.

Stocktaking.

The Library was closed a fortnight in August last for the usual annual stocktaking and cleaning, when the books were carefully checked with the stock book. It is satisfactory to report that out of an issue of over 98,000 volumes only four books (valued at 6s.) were reported missing, whilst only two volumes (valued at 5s.) were lost by default, i.e. were in the hands of readers whose whereabouts the Librarian has been unable to trace.

Binding.

The number of volumes bound during the year was 796, being 208 less than last year. Several hundreds of volumes were repaired on the premises by the assistants.

Petersham Branch.

The room at Petersham, which is open from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., may still be said to supply a want, for with a population of 629 only, the average evening attendance is 9, the same as last year, whilst out of the 58 persons living in the parish who have tickets entitling them to borrow books for home reading, 50 make use of the room as a delivery station, the books being taken down to them from the Central Department on two evenings weekly. In the twelve months under review, 1,768 volumes were issued in this way. The room also is provided with 47 papers and periodicals.

Sunday Opening.

The following are the details of the Sunday attendances since the Library was first opened on that day:—

Year.	Sundays open.	Total Attendance.	Average per Sunday.	Men.	Women.	Juveniles.	Books consulted.
1894-95	26	2,912	112	73	12	27	225
1895-96	26	3,598	138	82	10	46	600
1896-97	25	3,412	136	77	9	50	371
1897-98	25	3,065	123	72	10	41	401
1898-99	25	3,147	126	73	11	42	327
1899-00	25	3,421	137	96	9	32	268

The Library is open for 3 hours, i.e., from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. each Sunday from October to March inclusive.

Donors.

The gifts of books, papers, and periodicals, which have been many, include a number of valuable works, and the Committee take the opportunity of thanking the various donors for the substantial aid thus rendered. The Committee gratefully acknowledge the courteous and valuable support given them by the newspaper proprietors in the town, who not only supply regularly several copies of their journals free, but also from time to time insert in their columns lists of "Recent Additions" to the Library.

Staff.

The Committee in closing are glad to express their entire satisfaction with the prompt, conscientious, and thorough manner in which the Librarian and the members of his Staff have performed their duties during the past year.

Signed on behalf of the Committee,

CLIFFORD B. EDGAR,
Chairman.

CLASSIFICATION AND NUMBER OF VOLUMES IN THE LIBRARY.

Shewing the Increase during the Year ended 31st March, 1900.

Class Letter.	Classification of Books in the Lending Library.	No. of Vols. 1898-99.	No. of Vols. 1899-1900.
A	Theology and Philosophy	782	855
B	Biography and Correspondence	1400	1578
C	History, Topography, Voyages, and Travels	1798	2026
D	Law, Politics, Social Economy, &c	338	372
E	Arts, Sciences, and Natural History	1881	2340
F	Prose Fiction	3558	3776
G	Poetry, Drama, and Classics	946	992
H	Miscellaneous English Literature	722	797
I	Magazines and Reviews	1044	1097
J	Juvenile Literature	628	684
K	Foreign Literature	547	558
		13644	15075
	Petersham Library	469	481
		14113	15556
	Reference Library	**11383**	**11925**
	Total Volumes	**25496**	**27481**

Volumes lost or damaged, and replaced by Borrowers or Guarantors 14
Volumes transferred from Reference Library to Lending Library 1
Volumes transferred from Lending Library to Reference Library 2
Volumes withdrawn, being worn out, useless, or duplicate, (22 from Lending Library, and 19 from Reference Library) 41
Volumes lost by default (Lending Library) 2

Table shewing Total Issues for the eighteen years and nine months that the Library has been opened

Year.	Theology and Philosophy.	Biography and Correspondence.	History, Travels, &c.	Law, Politics, &c.	Arts and Sciences.	Fiction.	Poetry, Drama, and Classics.	Miscellaneous Literature.	Magazines and Reviews.	Juvenile Literature.	Foreign Literature.	Periodicals (Unbound Numbers).	Total Volumes.
1881-82 (9 months only)	1375	2414	5835	281	3523	42535	1351	1729	3245	4656	..	779	67723
1882-83	1356	2190	4960	298	3600	57726	1364	1399	5414	5639	..	1958	85904
1883-84	1104	2332	5206	323	3438	58543	1504	1570	5134	5194	..	2623	86971
1884-85	1143	2136	5120	328	3169	58272	1292	1366	5085	5321	..	2906	86138
1885-86	1416	2474	6291	449	3667	60922	1364	1851	5981	6147	..	4371	94933
1886-87	1394	2647	6141	349	4261	60054	1581	1909	5774	6340	..	3511	93961
1887-88	1331	2818	6569	537	3996	69465	1739	1789	7599	6521	..	3005	105369
1888-89	1366	3078	7453	510	3567	69999	1402	1964	7867	6659	..	3100	106965
1889-90	1185	3370	7561	456	3420	68237	1492	2301	6996	6234	1134	3601	105987
1890-91	1084	3189	5083	403	3267	63408	1559	1741	6659	5574	1324	3782	97073
1891-92	1045	2506	4935	430	3060	62239	1388	1480	5729	3873	1148	3556	91389
1892-93	1146	2690	6035	411	3637	60213	1680	2080	5215	4512	1377	3425	92421
1893-94	1335	3072	5925	531	4300	66622	1775	1934	5053	4741	1318	3592	100198
1894-95 (12 mths & 4 days)	1289	2965	6565	437	4608	71227	1967	1972	5832	5730	1382	3769	107743
1895-96	1423	3113	5018	563	4531	68120	1645	1686	7657	5430	1807	4406	105399
1896-97	1334	2753	5128	576	4894	67203	1763	2278	6760	5126	1645	4686	104146
1897-98	1432	2893	5096	566	5263	64036	1682	2534	5125	4892	1444	4401	99364
1898-99	1243	3361	5529	652	5197	66615	1796	2482	4986	4636	1598	3794	101889
1899-00	945	2705	4979	436	4523	66370	1670	2113	5035	4491	1291	3526	98174
TOTAL	23946	52796	109429	8536	75921	1201806	30014	36178	111146	101716	15468	64791	1831747

Total Number of Volumes borrowed from the Lending Library 1,676,712
Total Number of Volumes consulted in the Reference Library 155,035

1,831,747

Table of Issues in the Lending Library, 1899-1900.

Month.	No. of days open.	Theology and Philosophy.	Biography and Correspondence.	History, Travels, &c.	Law, Politics, &c.	Arts and Sciences.	Fiction.	Poetry, Drama, and Classics	Miscellaneous Literature.	Magazines and Reviews.	Juvenile Literature.	Foreign Literature.	Total Volumes.	Total Borrowers.
April	19	55	197	262	24	305	5972	81	111	252	393	118	7770	7601
May.....	22	64	200	278	21	348	6019	102	124	236	383	119	7894	7695
June	21	57	146	264	18	239	5015	75	60	231	352	108	6565	6424
July.....	20	53	132	239	17	162	4284	66	57	215	301	89	5615	5502
August ..	14	28	75	124	16	156	3020	35	37	120	191	69	3871	3806
September	21	44	159	291	21	268	5796	114	106	264	377	100	7540	7347
October ..	22	69	202	336	30	299	5984	116	145	315	387	102	7985	7794
November	22	70	258	398	30	331	6176	131	155	313	409	109	8380	8151
December	19	42	189	321	26	229	5300	95	108	309	391	72	7082	6906
January ..	23	78	221	438	26	324	6207	135	162	395	468	113	8567	8302
February	20	78	201	363	14	315	5910	112	136	385	377	122	8013	7819
March....	22	112	269	391	30	360	6687	136	145	436	462	146	9174	8907
Total	245	750	2249	3705	273	3336	66370	1198	1346	3471	4491	1267	88456*a*	86254

Periodicals issued for Home Reading 2777

a This includes 1768 Volumes issued from the Petersham Branch.

Table of Issues in the Reference Library, 1899-1900.

Month.	No. of days open.	Theology and Philosophy.	Biography and Correspondence.	History, Travels, &c.	Law, Politics, &c.	Arts and Sciences.	Poetry, Drama, and Classics.	Miscellaneous Literature.	Magazines and Reviews.	Foreign Literature.	Total Volumes.	Total Readers.
April	19	7	59	66	21	93	47	97	121	1	512	378
May.....	22	7	84	102	13	84	14	44	63	2	413	298
June	21	16	36	59	14	108	29	41	88	0	391	274
July	20	17	35	78	10	59	20	39	122	0	380	241
August	14	16	20	59	11	101	40	47	74	2	370	247
September	21	27	36	105	13	89	44	63	192	9	578	493
October	22	24	39	163	25	78	54	37	168	1	589	419
November	22	19	44	128	6	128	56	78	194	1	654	525
December	19	11	36	94	10	94	35	65	134	0	479	390
January	23	18	51	134	12	95	41	96	167	1	615	513
February	20	3	54	124	13	93	39	75	94	7	502	368
March.....	22	23	38	71	14	114	49	31	101	0	441	322
Total	245	188	532	1183	162	1136	468	713	1518	24	5924*	4468

File Volumes of Newspapers and Periodicals consulted 749

*To this must be added the Sunday Issues as follows: 25 Sundays, 268 Volumes to 235 Readers; Daily average, 11

Total Issues in Lending and Reference Libraries, 1899-1900.

Month.	No. of days open.	Theology and Philosophy.	Biography and Correspondence.	History, Travels, &c.	Law, Politics, &c.	Arts and Sciences.	Fiction.	Poetry, Drama, and Classics.	Miscellaneous Literature.	Magazines and Reviews.	Juvenile Literature.	Foreign Literature.	Total Volumes.	Total Borrowers and Readers.	Daily Average of Issues.
April	19	62	256	328	45	398	5972	128	208	373	393	119	8282	7979	436
May	22	71	284	380	34	432	6019	116	168	299	383	121	8307	7993	378
June	21	73	182	323	32	347	5015	104	101	319	352	108	6956	6698	331
July	20	70	167	317	27	221	4284	86	96	337	301	89	5995	5743	300
August ..	14	44	95	183	27	257	3620	75	84	194	191	71	4241	4053	303
September	21	71	195	396	34	357	5796	158	169	456	377	109	8118	7840	386
October ..	22	93	241	499	55	377	5984	170	182	483	387	103	8574	8213	390
November	22	89	302	526	36	459	6176	187	233	507	409	110	9034	8676	411
December	19	53	225	415	36	323	5300	130	173	443	391	72	7561	7296	398
January ..	23	96	272	572	38	419	6207	176	258	562	468	114	9182	8815	399
February	20	81	255	487	27	408	5910	151	211	479	377	129	8515	8187	426
March....	22	135	307	462	44	474	6687	185	176	537	462	146	9615	9229	437
Total	245	938	2781	4888	435	4472	66370	1666	2059	4989	4491	1291	94380	90722	385

Number of Volumes issued (Week Days).....	94,380
" " (Sundays)	268
Unbound Numbers of Periodicals and File Volumes of Newspapers consulted	3,526
	98,174

Daily Average (Week Days).....	401
Daily Average (25 Sundays).....	11
Population in 1899 (estimated)	32 400
Proportionate issue to each inhabitant	3·03

CLASSIFICATION OF BORROWERS.

To whom Tickets have been issued during the year 1899-1900.

OCCUPATIONS.

Accountants	4
Agents and Collectors	11
Apprentices	6
Architects and Surveyors	9
Army and Navy Officers	8
Artists and Designers	21
Assistants and Salesmen	31
Auctioneers and Estate Agents	5
Author	1
Bakers	6
Barristers and Solicitors	15
Beadle and Verger	2
Booksellers and Stationers	4
Bootmakers	3
Bricklayer	1
Brokers	10
Builders	3
Butchers	3
Cab Proprietor	1
Carpenters and Joiners	12
Chemists	9
Civil Servants	17
Clergy	14
Clerks	115
Coachmen	6
Contractors	2
Domestic Servants	51
Drapers and Drapers' Assistants	33
Dressmakers and Milliners	33
Dyers and Cleaners	2
Electricians	8
Engineers	17
Fruiterers	3
Furniture Dealers	2
Gardeners and Florists	8
Gasfitter	1
Grocers	7
Hairdresser	1
Innkeepers	7
Ironmongers	2
Jewellers and Watchmakers	3
Journalists	11
Labourers	3
Ladies	808
Laundress	1
Managers	20
Mechanic	1
Medical Men	4
Merchants and Manufacturers	12
Messengers	3
Milkmen	2
Music Teachers and Musicians	5
Nurses and Matrons	20
Painters, Plumbers, & Decorators	16
Photographers and Photographic Artists	4
Plate Polisher	1
Police Officers	2
Postmen	4
Printers	11
Railway Officials	5
Registrar	1
Schoolmasters and Teachers	69
Scientist	1
Secretaries	8
Students and Scholars	71
Tailors	3
Tea Taster	1
Telegraphists	4
Tinman	1
Tobacconists	2
Travellers	9
Undertaker	1
Warehousemen	4
Waterman	1
Occupations not stated	203
	1,809

CLASSIFICATION OF BORROWERS—(*continued*).

Ages.	
Under 15	50
15 to 20	319
21 to 30	381
31 to 40	214
41 to 50	133
Above 50	121
Not stated	591
	1,809

Ratepayers & Non-Ratepayers.	
Ratepayers	476
Non-Ratepayers	1,333
	1,809

Sexes.	
Males	722
Females	1,087
	1,809

TOTAL NUMBER OF BORROWERS.

Since the Opening of the Library in 1881.

Borrowers joined Lending Library—	1881-82	3,180
,, ,, ,, ,,	1882-83	1,228
,, ,, ,, ,,	1883-84	2,060
,, ,, ,, ,,	1884-85	1,432
,, ,, ,, ,,	1885-86	1,907
,, ,, ,, ,,	1886-87	1,469
,, ,, ,, ,,	1887-88	1,926
,, ,, ,, ,,	1888-89	1,516
,, ,, ,, ,,	1889-90	1,772
,, ,, ,, ,,	1890-91	1,719
,, ,, ,, ,,	1891-92	1,490
,, ,, ,, ,,	1892-93	1,936
,, ,, ,, ,,	1893-94	1,728
,, ,, ,, ,,	1894-95	1,898
,, ,, ,, ,,	1895-96	1,948
,, ,, ,, ,,	1896-97	1,866
,, ,, ,, ,,	1897-98	1,926
,, ,, ,, ,,	1898-99	1,895
,, ,, ,, ,,	1899-1900	1,809
		34,705
Total cancelled		31,527
Actual number of Tickets in use 31st March, 1900		3,178*

*Of these, 299 are from Kew, 58 from Petersham, and 80 from North Sheen.

Tickets are only available for two years, after which they must be renewed

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Financial Statement

For the Year ended 31st March, 1900.

Dr. **REVENUE**

Income.

To	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Surplus at 31st March, 1899, as per last Report ..				259	9	2
Free Public Library Rate				1077	18	9
CENTRAL LIBRARY.						
Library Receipts.						
Fines	86	16	0			
Damaged and Lost Books	2	18	2			
Sale of Catalogues (general)	7	9	0			
Sale of Periodicals	5	19	9			
Sale of Waste Paper	1	16	0			
Bespoke Book Fees	3	12	9			
				108	11	8
Donations towards Library Funds				1	1	4
Carried forward				£1447	0	11

Year ended 31st March, 1900.

ACCOUNT.

Cr.

Expenditure.

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
By CENTRAL LIBRARY.			
Salaries and Wages:			
Librarian		190 0 0	
Assistants		177 9 0	
Porter		73 13 0	
			441 2 0
Books, Papers, &c.:			
Books, &c. (New)	369 16 8		
Books (Replacements)	20 4 8		
		390 1 4	
Subscriptions to			
Library Association of the United Kingdom	1 1 0		
Palæontographical Society (two years)	2 2 0		
		3 3 0	
Binding		52 17 10	
Magazines		45 0 2	
Newspapers		33 14 7	
			524 16 11
Printing and Stationery:			
Printing		15 5 0	
Stationery		15 11 4	
			30 16 4
Fuel, Light, and Cleaning:			
Coal, Coke, and Wood ..		14 1 0	
Gas		51 4 4	
Cleaning Materials, &c. ..		3 13 11	
Wages of Cleaner		17 16 7	
			86 15 10
Furniture and Fittings:			
New Screen and Book Presses ..		44 10 6	
Indicator Frames		16 7 0	
Repairs to Hot Water Apparatus		3 14 11	
Gas Fittings and Repairs ..		5 1 4	
Library Fittings		3 1 0	
Picture Frames		4 1 6	
Repairs		23 5 2	
			100 1 5
Miscellaneous:			
Insurance of Books, Pictures, &c.		9 0 0	
Librarian's Guarantee		0 6 6	
Assurance of Porter		0 6 6	
Gardening		0 15 6	
Postages, Carriage of Parcels, &c.		10 19 5	
Inhabited House Duty (2 years)		1 5 0	
			22 12 11
Carried forward			£1206 5 5

REVENUE

Income.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Brought forward				1447	0	11
PETERSHAM BRANCH.						
Library Receipts:						
Fines	0	15	6			
Sale of Periodicals	0	0	5			
				0	15	11
				£1447	16	10

BALANCE

31st

Dr. Liabilities.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To						
Sundry Creditors		..		339	13	9
Balance being excess of Assets						
Books, &c., purchased out of Revenue	5516	19	2			
Surplus on Revenue Account	225	2	9			
				5742	1	11
				£6081	15	8

ACCOUNT.—*Continued.*

Expenditure.	£	s.	d.
Brought forward..	1206	5	5
PETERSHAM BRANCH.			
Rent, &c., of Reading Room	11	14	0
Newspapers and Magazines	4	6	5
Insurance of Books, &c.	0	8	3
	1222	14	1
Balance, Surplus at 31st March, 1900	225	2	9
	£1447	16	10

SHEET.

March, 1900.

Assets.				£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
By									Cr.
Books, Maps, Pictures, &c.							5516	19	2
Cash Balances:									
Treasurer				513	14	7			
Librarian									
Imprest	40	0	0						
Fines, &c., in hand.. ..	11	1	11						
				51	1	11			
							564	16	6
							£6081	15	8

H. RICHARDS,

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Borough of Richmond, Surrey.

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1900-1901.

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Twentieth Annual Report

OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE

RICHMOND PUBLIC LIBRARY.

To the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the Borough of Richmond, Surrey.

GENTLEMEN,

In submitting their Twentieth Annual Report, the Committee are gratified at being able to present a satisfactory statement on the continued popularity and usefulness of the Library.

The arrangements sanctioned by the Town Council in March last, for taking on lease a neighbouring lock-up building in Quadrant Road as a store room, have relieved the congested state of the Library shelves, and will afford book accommodation for the next three or four years. It is felt, however, that the increasing difficulties under which the staff carry on the work of the Library is a matter needing serious attention at an early date.

Issues.

The total issues during 1900-1901, were 100,053, or 1,879 more than in the previous year.

The returns for the past two years are as follows :—

Year.		Days Open.	Issues in Lending Library.	Issues in Reference Library.	Total Issues (Both Depts.)	Average Daily Issue.
1899-1900	...	245	91,233	6,941	98,174	401
1900-1901	...	243	92,472	7,581	100,053	412

The increase is most marked in the following classes: Biography; History, Voyages, and Travels; Arts, Sciences, and Natural History. The percentage of fiction read was the same as last year, *i.e.*, 66 per cent. of the total issues, a return which compares very favourably with the statistics of other public libraries.

Borrowers.

During the past twelve months 1,992 new tickets have been issued for home reading, an increase of 183 as compared with the preceding year, and the largest number registered in any year since 1883-84. The actual number of tickets in use on the 31st March, 1901, was 3,251, as against 3,178 on the corresponding date last year. Tickets are available for two years only, after which they are cancelled, and renewed on application. The number of tickets thus cancelled during the year amounted to 1,919.

In January last the Committee decided to close the Lending Library weekly on Thursdays, instead of on Fridays as previously. Under the old arrangement it was found that the whole of the heavy borrowing for Sunday reading was thrown upon Saturday, the pressure at the counter and on the staff being consequently great. It is satisfactory to note that the alteration has had the desired effect. The pressure at the counter on Saturday is much relieved, while the weekly issues are not diminished, as Friday takes a share of the Sunday borrowing, and readers and staff alike find the change an improvement.

Overdue Books, Fines, &c.

The amount of fines paid by borrowers during the year for the detention of books beyond the time allowed for home reading, was £89 16s., an increase of £2 4s. 6d. upon last year's figures. Circulars to the number of 865 were sent out for the return of overdue books, being 52 less than in the previous year.

On payment of one penny, borrowers may secure the early use of a book in great demand. The arrrangement is much appreciated, and no less than 985 pennies were received for this purpose, or 112 more than last year.

Additions.

With the exception of the year 1886-7, in which the Parochial Library was presented, more volumes have been added during the twelve months under review, than in any year since the Library was opened in 1881. The additions in 1886-7 were 2,092; in 1900-1 they were 2,045, of which 980 were placed in the Lending Library, and 1,065 in the Reference Library. This number is reduced, however, by the withdrawal of 889 volumes, leaving a total of 28,637, a net increase of 1,156 as compared with the total last year. Of the 2,045 volumes added, 955 were presented, the remaining 1,090 having been purchased by the Committee. In addition to these, 233 volumes were bought to replace worn-out copies.

The unusually large number of books withdrawn is an outcome of the special attention given by the Committee to the weeding-out of duplicates, imperfect, and obsolete books, a process which the crowded state of the Library shelves has made the more necessary. Selections of the works thus withdrawn have been sent from time to time to local institutions, such as the Richmond Royal Hospital, the Richmond Workhouse, and the Isolation Hospital at Mogden.

The following table shews the additions to the several classes of literature:—

A.	Theology and Philosophy	52
B.	Biography and Correspondence	85
C.	History, Topography, Voyages, and Travels	178
D.	Law, Politics, Social Economy, &c.	24
E.	Arts (including Music), Sciences, and Natural History	151
F.	Prose Fiction	249
G.	Poetry, Drama, and Classics	76
H.	Miscellaneous Literature	47
I.	Magazines and Reviews	39
J.	Juvenile Literature	62
K.	Foreign Literature	17
R.L.	Reference Library	1065
		2045

Many valuable works have been added to the Library, among which the following may be mentioned:—"The National Gallery," by Sir E. Poynter, 3 vols.; "The Alpine Journal," vols. 1 to 14, 1863-89; "Scrambles among the Alps," by E. Whymper; "The Tidal Thames," by W. L. Wylie and G. Allen; "Bibliotheca Britannica," by R. Watt, 4 vols.; "Dresses and Decorations of the Middle Ages," by H. Shaw; "The Venetian Republic," by W. C. Hazlitt, 2 vols.; and "Records of Merton Priory, Surrey," by Major A. Heales.

The additions to the Local Collection, though not so numerous as last year, have been valuable and interesting. They include ten engravings of Richmond Views, issued in the middle of the 18th century, and a large Oil Painting of the River Side at Richmond, painted, it is believed, by William Marlow at the close of the 18th century.

Stocktaking.

At the Annual Stocktaking in August last, all the books were accounted for. Although the year's work shews an issue of some 100,000 volumes, there were only two books (value 4/-) lost by default of borrowers who had left the town, whilst books injured or lost by readers were promptly paid for. This fact speaks well for the efficient administration of the Library and the estimation in which the Institution is held by the borrowers.

News Room, &c.

During the past year the Committee have considered the question of improving the ventilation in the Library, and in August last they decided to fix in the roof of the News Room a 24 inch Blackman Electrical Ventilating Fan. The fan has been in working order for several months and is giving general satisfaction. The annual cost for current will only amount to about £5.

The lighting arrangements have also received careful consideration. At first the Committee were disposed to substitute Electric Lighting for the Welsbach Incandescent Gas Light now in use. It was, however, found that the annual cost of the Electric Light would be almost treble that of the Welsbach Light, and the Committee therefore decided not to make any change so long as electricity remains at the current price of 6d. per unit.

Binding.

The cost of binding is necessarily heavy, and £110 16s. 4d. was spent on this account. The number of books bound and rebound amounted to 1,563, or 767 more than in the preceding year. In addition, hundreds of volumes were repaired by the Library assistants.

Petersham Branch.

The Petersham Branch Reading Room which is open every evening from 6 to 9 shews an average attendance of 8 as compared with 9 last year.

Of the 62 persons living in Petersham who have tickets entitling them to borrow books for home reading, 49 made use of the room as a delivery station for the exchange of books In the twelve months under review, 1,738 volumes were issued in this way, a decrease of 30 on last year's returns. These figures, however, do not indicate the whole use made of the Library by the Petersham borrowers, for the readers' tickets can be used at either the Central Library or at the Branch Library, and there are several who from time to time avail themselves of this privilege. The cost of maintaining the branch is about £17 per annum. The population of Petersham is 629.

Sunday Opening.

The Sunday use of the Library shews a decrease on all previous returns. The details of attendances and issues since the Library was first opened on Sundays are given below:—

Year.	Sundays Open.	Total Attendance.	Average per Sunday.	Men.	Women.	Juveniles.	Books Consulted.
1894-95	26	2,912	112	73	12	27	225
1895-96	26	3,598	138	82	10	46	600
1896-97	25	3,412	136	77	9	50	371
1897-98	25	3,065	123	72	10	41	401
1898-99	25	3,147	126	73	11	42	327
1899-1900	25	3,421	137	96	9	32	268
1900-01	26	2,665	103	72	10	21	219

The Library is open for 3 hours, i.e., from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. each Sunday from October to March inclusive.

Donors.

The donations for the year have been numerous and valuable, amounting to 955 volumes as compared with 327 presented during the previous year. The names of the donors appear on pages 18-21 of this Report. To these donors as well as to all those who have in other ways kindly furthered the interest of the Library, the Committee desire to tender their grateful acknowledgment.

Staff.

The Committee have again the pleasing duty of recording their complete satisfaction with the manner in which the duties of the Library Staff have been performed.

Signed on behalf of the Committee,

CLIFFORD B. EDGAR,

Chairman.

June 5th, 1901.

CLASSIFICATION AND NUMBER OF VOLUMES IN THE LIBRARY.

Shewing the Increase during the year ended 31st March, 1901.

Class Letter.	Classification of Books in the Lending Library.	No. of Vols. 1899-1900.	No. of Vols. 1900-01.
A	Theology and Philosophy	855	860
B	Biography and Correspondence	1578	1623
C	History, Topography, Voyages, and Travels	2026	2155
D	Law, Politics, Social Economy, &c	372	376
E	Arts, Sciences, and Natural History	2340	2452
F	Prose Fiction	3776	3987
G	Poetry, Drama, and Classics	992	950
H	Miscellaneous English Literature	797	823
I	Magazines and Reviews	1097	1136
J	Juvenile Literature	684	740
K	Foreign Literature	558	576
		15075	15678
	Petersham Library	481	481
		15556	16159
	Reference Library	**11925**	**12478**
	Total Volumes	**27481**	**28637**

Volumes lost or damaged, and replaced by Borrowers or Guarantors 22
Volumes transferred from Reference Library to Lending Library 66
Volumes transferred from Lending Library to Reference Library 232
Volumes withdrawn, being worn out, useless, or duplicate, (211 from Lending Library, and 678 from Reference Library) 889
Volumes lost by default (Lending Library) 2

N.B.—The decrease in Class G, as shewn above, is due to the fact that there were 118 withdrawals as compared with 76 additions.

Table shewing Total Issues for the nineteen years and nine months that the Library has been opened.

Year.	Theology and Philosophy.	Biography and Correspondence.	History, Travels, &c.	Law, Politics, &c.	Arts and Sciences.	Fiction.	Poetry, Drama, and Classics.	Miscellaneous Literature.	Magazines and Reviews.	Juvenile Literature.	Foreign Literature.	Periodicals (Unbound Numbers).	Total Volumes.
1881-82 (9 months only)	1375	2414	5835	281	3523	42535	1351	1729	3245	4656	..	779	67723
1882-83	1356	2190	4960	298	3600	57726	1364	1399	5414	5639	..	1958	85904
1883-84	1104	2332	5206	323	3438	58543	1504	1570	5134	5194	..	2623	86971
1884-85	1143	2136	5120	328	3169	58272	1292	1366	5085	5321	..	2906	86138
1885-86	1416	2474	6291	449	3667	60922	1364	1851	5981	6147	..	4371	94933
1886-87	1394	2647	6141	349	4261	60054	1581	1909	5774	6340	..	3511	93961
1887-88	1331	2818	6569	537	3996	69465	1739	1789	7599	6521	..	3005	105369
1888-89	1366	3078	7453	510	3567	69999	1402	1964	7867	6659	..	3100	106965
1889-90	1185	3370	7561	456	3420	68237	1492	2301	6996	6234	1134	3601	105987
1890-91	1084	3189	5083	403	3267	63408	1559	1741	6659	5574	1324	3782	97073
1891-92	1045	2506	4935	430	3060	62239	1388	1480	5729	3873	1148	3556	91389
1892-93	1146	2690	6035	411	3637	60213	1680	2080	5215	4512	1377	3425	92421
1893-94	1335	3072	5925	531	4300	66622	1775	1934	5053	4741	1318	3592	100198
1894-95 (12 mths & 4 days)	1289	2965	6565	437	4608	71227	1967	1972	5832	5730	1382	3769	107743
1895-96	1423	3113	5018	563	4531	68120	1645	1686	7657	5430	1807	4406	105399
1896-97	1334	2753	5128	576	4894	67203	1763	2278	6760	5126	1645	4686	104146
1897-98	1432	2893	5096	566	5263	64036	1682	2534	5125	4892	1444	4401	99364
1898-99	1243	3361	5529	652	5197	66615	1796	2482	4986	4636	1598	3794	101889
1899-00	945	2795	4979	436	4523	66370	1670	2113	5035	4491	1291	3526	98174
1900-01	1073	2979	5351	471	5124	66924	1748	2048	4756	4908	1244	3427	100053
TOTAL	25019	55775	114780	9007	81045	1268730	31762	38226	115902	106624	16712	68218	1931800

Total Number of Volumes borrowed from the Lending Library 1,769,184
Total Number of Volumes consulted in the Reference Library 162,616

1,931,800

Table of Issues in the Lending Library, 1900-1901.

Month.	No. of days open.	Theology and Philosophy.	Biography and Correspondence.	History, Travels, &c.	Law, Politics, &c.	Arts and Sciences.	Fiction.	Poetry, Drama, and Classics.	Miscellaneous Literature.	Magazines and Reviews.	Juvenile Literature.	Foreign Literature.	Total Volumes.	Total Borrowers.
April	19	76	163	318	24	287	5370	83	114	362	434	89	7320	7146
May.....	23	87	181	346	13	282	5927	109	89	402	391	109	7936	7751
June	20	63	180	310	16	292	5239	84	101	367	373	97	7122	6939
July.....	19	47	121	191	13	166	3643	71	74	220	231	60	4837	4725
August ..	14	24	92	126	10	142	2828	40	40	144	206	43	3695	3614
September	21	70	195	267	24	279	5488	80	119	272	345	90	7229	7076
October ..	23	68	233	312	43	348	6366	75	131	320	425	80	8401	8231
November	21	113	244	318	25	340	6238	128	125	320	432	84	8367	8180
December	20	94	221	366	29	288	6192	111	122	323	485	91	8322	8138
January ..	23	101	228	409	34	359	6603	130	123	345	556	112	9000	8814
February	19	92	232	366	31	329	6065	106	116	291	438	127	8193	8007
March....	21	106	257	426	30	358	6965	142	132	280	592	148	9436	9218
Total	243	941	2347	3755	292	3470	66924	1159	1286	3646	4908	1130	89858*a*	87839

Periodicals issued for Home Reading 2614

a This includes 1738 Volumes issued from the Petersham Branch.

Table of Issues in the Reference Library, 1900-1901.

Month.	No. of days open	Theology and Philosophy.	Biography and Correspondence.	History, Travels, &c	Law, Politics, &c.	Arts and Sciences.	Poetry, Drama, and Classics.	Miscellaneous Literature.	Magazines and Reviews.	Foreign Literature.	Total Volumes.	Total Readers.
April	19	8	31	79	4	99	46	32	69	19	387	300
May.....	23	13	56	180	7	174	67	49	70	22	638	434
June	20	12	37	117	5	100	24	51	50	29	425	301
July	19	8	53	71	13	79	29	48	71	2	374	252
August	14	4	71	44	10	109	20	32	51	1	342	254
September	21	16	46	114	18	148	54	61	151	2	610	435
October	23	9	55	174	32	168	72	105	191	5	811	593
November	21	5	68	136	20	142	101	110	117	6	705	510
December	20	5	46	100	11	194	34	82	86	3	561	409
January	23	15	52	184	29	132	26	77	94	7	616	417
February	19	22	47	112	12	157	33	35	60	12	490	330
March.....	21	12	59	173	17	134	71	58	60	6	590	412
Total	243	129	621	1484	178	1636	577	740	1070	114	6549*	4657

File Volumes of Newspapers and Periodicals consulted 813

*To this must be added the Sunday Issues as follows: 26 Sundays, 219 Volumes to 174 Readers; Daily average, 8

Total Issues in Lending and Reference Libraries, 1900-1901.

Month.	No. of days open.	Theology and Philosophy	Biography and Correspondence.	History, Travels, &c.	Law, Politics, &c.	Arts and Sciences.	Fiction.	Poetry, Drama, and Classics.	Miscellaneous Literature.	Magazines and Reviews.	Juvenile Literature.	Foreign Literature.	Total Volumes.	Total Borrowers and Readers.	Daily Average of Issues.
April	19	84	194	397	28	386	5370	129	146	431	434	108	7707	7446	406
May	23	100	237	526	20	456	5927	176	138	472	391	131	8574	8185	373
June	20	75	217	427	21	392	5239	108	152	417	373	126	7547	7240	377
July	19	55	174	262	26	245	3643	100	122	291	231	62	5211	4977	274
August ..	14	28	163	170	20	251	2828	60	72	195	206	44	4037	3868	288
September	21	86	241	381	42	427	5488	134	180	423	345	92	7839	7511	373
October ..	23	77	288	486	75	516	6366	147	236	511	425	85	9212	8824	401
November	21	118	312	454	45	482	6238	229	235	437	432	90	9072	8700	432
December	20	99	267	466	40	482	6192	145	204	409	485	94	8883	8547	444
January ..	23	116	280	593	63	491	6603	156	200	439	556	119	9616	9231	418
February	19	114	279	478	43	486	6065	139	151	351	438	139	8683	8337	457
March....	21	118	316	599	47	492	6965	213	190	340	592	154	10026	9630	477
Total.....	243	1070	2968	5239	470	5106	66924	1736	2026	4716	4908	1244	96407	92496	397

Number of Volumes issued (Week Days).....	96,407
" " (Sundays).....	219
Unbound Numbers of Periodicals and File Volumes of Newspapers consulted.....	3,427
	100,053

Daily Average (Week Days).....	412
Daily Average (26 Sundays).....	8
Population in 1900 (estimated).....	32,500
Proportionate issue to each inhabitant.....	307

CLASSIFICATION OF BORROWERS.

To whom Tickets have been issued during the year 1900-1901.

OCCUPATIONS.

Accountants	12
Actors	3
Agents and Collectors	6
Antique Dealer	1
Apprentices	14
Architects and Surveyors	7
Army and Navy Officers	7
Artists and Designers	16
Assistants and Salesmen	32
Auctioneers and Estate Agents	8
Authors	5
Bakers	5
Barristers and Solicitors	19
Blacksmiths and Fitters	5
Boatbuilder	1
Booksellers and Stationers	3
Bootmaker	1
Botanists	3
Brokers	4
Builders	6
Butchers	2
Cab Proprietor	1
Cabinet Makers and Upholsterers	2
Caretaker	1
Carmen	2
Carpenters and Joiners	18
Carriage Builders	2
Chemists	9
Civil Servants	26
Clergy	14
Clerks	139
Coachmen	3
Curators	2
Domestic Servants	40
Drapers and Drapers' Assistants	40
Dressmakers and Milliners	28
Electricians	7
Engineers	20
Fishmonger	1
Fruiterers	5
Furniture Dealer	1
Gardeners and Florists	15
Grocers	7
Hairdresser	1
Innkeepers	6
Ironmonger	1
Jewellers and Watchmakers	7
Journalists	10
Ladies	900
Laundress	1
Leather Dresser	1
Lecturer	1
Managers	16
Mechanics	3
Medical Men	12
Merchants and Manufacturers	20
Messengers	2
Milkman	1
Music Teachers and Musicians	8
Nurses and Matrons	18
Painters, Plumbers, & Decorators	11
Photographers and Photographic Artists	5
Police Officers	2
Postmen	3
Printers	4
Railway Official	1
Sawyer	1
Schoolmasters and Teachers	88
Scientist	1
Secretaries	9
Sheep Farmer	1
Students and Scholars	38
Tailors	7
Telegraphists	4
Tobacconist	1
Travellers	5
Undertaker	1
Waiter	1
Warehousemen	6
Waterman	1
Occupations not stated	251
	1,992

CLASSIFICATION OF BORROWERS—(*continued*).

AGES.

Under 15	37
15 to 20	303
21 to 30	465
31 to 40	218
41 to 50	148
Above 50	152
Not stated	669
	1,992

RATEPAYERS & NON-RATEPAYERS.

Ratepayers	534
Non-Ratepayers	1,458
	1,992

SEXES.

Males	836
Females	1,156
	1,992

TOTAL NUMBER OF BORROWERS

Since the Opening of the Library in 1881.

Borrowers	joined	Lending	Library	1881-82	3,180
,,	,,	,,	,,	1882-83	1,228
,,	,,	,,	,,	1883-84	2,060
,,	,,	,,	,,	1884-85	1,432
,,	,,	,,	,,	1885-86	1,907
,,	,,	,,	,,	1886-87	1,469
,,	,,	,,	,,	1887-88	1,926
,,	,,	,,	,,	1888-89	1,516
,,	,,	,,	,,	1889-90	1,772
,,	,,	,,	,,	1890-91	1,719
,,	,,	,,	,,	1891-92	1,490
,,	,,	,,	,,	1892-93	1,936
,,	,,	,,	,,	1893-94	1,728
,,	,,	,,	,,	1894-95	1,898
,,	,,	,,	,,	1895-96	1,948
,,	,,	,,	,,	1896-97	1,866
,,	,,	,,	,,	1897-98	1,926
,,	,,	,,	,,	1898-99	1,895
,,	,,	,,	,,	1899-1900	1,809
,,	,,	,,	,,	1900-01	1,992
					36,697
Total cancelled					33,446
Actual number of Tickets in use 31st March, 1901					3,251*

*Of these, 317 are from Kew, 62 from Petersham, and 106 from North Sheen.

Tickets are only available for two years, after which they must be renewed.

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Anderson, Dr. A. J.	1
Anderson, Major J. E., Mortlake	498
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Baker, Mr. J.	1
Baker, Major-General W. A., 2 pamphlets	
Bingham, Mr. F., Twickenham	1
Birmingham Free Public Library Committee	1
Blanchet, Mr. A. T., Richmond	4
Boulter, Mr. H. B., F R.C.S., Richmond, Corrections to volumes 43—62, of the Dictionary of National Biography	
Bowles, Mr. T. G., M.P.	1
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British Museum, Trustees of the, 10 volumes of Publications, and 15 parts of printed General Catalogue (in continuation)	
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Chadfield, Mr. E.	2
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Clayton, Mr. E. G., Richmond	20
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Crawshaw, Mrs., Richmond	8
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Cumming, Mr. W. A., Richmond	15
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Durham University, Calendar	1
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Edmonds, Mr. E., Richmond	1
Edwards, Mr. J. Passmore	1
Elliott, Admiral Sir George	1
Emigrants' Information Office, Circulars	
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Gowing, Mrs. A.	3
Great Eastern Railway Company	8

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Kew Ward Ratepayers' Association, Report	
King, Miss, Richmond, 1 pamphlet	

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,, Royal Hospital	
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Technical and Secondary Education, National Association for the Promotion of, Report	
Thripp, Mr. L. G., Richmond	11
Tipping, Mr. E. P., Richmond	35
Turner, Mr. H. E., Richmond	5
Tutin, Mr. J. R.	2
University Correspondence College	1
Vickers, Mr. J. W.	1
Walters, Mr. G. R., Richmond	21
Ward, Mr. W. C., Richmond	1
Washington, U.S.A., Bureau of Education	1
Washington, U.S.A., Secretary of Agriculture, 8 pamphlets	
Way, Mr. T. R., Set of 11 local pictures	
Western Australia, Agent General for	3
Wigan Free Public Library Committee	1
Working Men's Lord's Day Rest Association	8

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Bishop, Miss	1
Blanchet, Mr. A. T., Richmond	1
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Hinks, Mr. R.,	2
Jackson, Mr. J. R., Richmond	1
King, Miss, Richmond	1
Lees, Miss, Kew	3
Moore, Mrs., Richmond	2
Oxley, Mrs., Petersham	1
Perera, Mrs., Kew	1
Shuttleworth, Dr., Richmond	1
Taylor, Dr. M , Richmond	1
Tempany, Mr. T. W., Richmond	1
Tipping, Mr. E. P., Richmond	1
Ward, Mr. W. C., Richmond	1
Whitbread, Mr. F. J., Richmond	1
Wilson, Sir Roland K., Bart., Richmond	1
Wood, Mrs. A. J., Richmond	1

NEWSPAPERS, PERIODICALS, &c.,

TAKEN IN THE LIBRARY.

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DAILIES.

Daily Chronicle (two copies)
Daily Graphic (two copies)
Daily News (two copies)
Daily Telegraph (three copies)
Echo
†Financial News
Financial Times
Globe
Morning Post
Pall Mall Gazette
St. James's Gazette
†Sportsman,
Standard (two copies)
Standard, Evening (two copies)
Star
Times
Westminster Gazette

WEEKLIES.

Academy
†Accountant
*Alliance News
Amateur Photographer
Architect
Army and Navy Gazette
†Arts, Society of, Journal
†Aspirant (Civil Service)
Athenæum
*Banner of Israel
*Blackpool Gazette
*Blackpool Herald
*Blackpool Times
†British Architect
British Journal of Photography
†Broad Arrow
Builder
†Builders' Reporter
Building News
†Canadian Gazette
†Catholic Times
Chambers's Journal
Chemical News
†Christian Herald
†Christian World
*Church Army Gazette
*Church Times
*Civil Service Candidate
†Civil Service Weekly
†Civilian
Contract Journal
Country Life
†County Council Times
*Cricket
†Croydon Guardian
†Drapers' Record
Electrical Review
Engineer
English Mechanic
Era
Field
Fishing Gazette
Fun
Garden
*Gardeners' Chronicle
†Gardening World
*General Practitioner
†Grantham Journal
Graphic (2 copies)
Guardian
†Horticulture, Journal of
Household Words
Illustrated London News (2 copies)
*India
†Inquirer
†Insurance Monitor
Invention
†Investors' Guardian
†Irish Times
†Jewish World
Judy
King, The
†Kingston and Surbiton Guardian
Lady
Lady's Pictorial
Lancet
*Land and Water
Law Times
†Light
†Literary World
Literature
†Local Government Journal
†London American
†Madame
†Middlesex Chronicle
†Middlesex County Times
†Middlesex Independent
†Midland Counties Herald
†Modern Society
Municipal Journal and London
*Musical News
Nature
†News of the World
Notes and Queries
Outlook, The
†Patents, Illustrated Journal
†Pitman's Phonetic Journal
†Poultry
†Present Truth
†Public Health Engineer
Public Opinion
Publishers' Circular
Punch (two copies)
†Putney and Wandsworth Borough News
Queen
†Railway News
†Reading Mercury
†Richmond and Twickenham Times (four copies)
†Richmond Herald (four copies)
†River and Coast
*Rock
Saturday Review
Scotsman
Sketch
†South Eastern Herald
†South London Press

WEEKLIES—(*continued.*)

†Southport Visiter
Speaker
Spectator
Sphere
Statist
†Sunday Times
†Surrey Advertiser
†Surrey Comet (three copies)
†Surrey Mirror
†Surrey Times
†Temperance Chronicle
*Temperance Record
†Thames Valley Times (four copies)
†Timber Trades Journal
Truth
†University Correspondent
†Uxbridge Review
†Weekly Dispatch
†Weekly Sun
†West London Observer
Westminster Budget
†Worcester Herald
World

MONTHLIES.

†Anglo-Russian
†Animal's Friend
Antiquary
Architectural Review
Argosy
Army List
Art, Magazine of
*Asylum News
†Biblewomen and Nurses
Blackwood's Magazine
Bookman
†Bookseller
†Boys' Own Paper
†Bric-à-Brac
British Workman
Cabinet Maker
Cassell's Magazine
Century Magazine
*Child's Guardian
†City Mission Magazine
†Concord
Contemporary Review
†Cook's Excursionist
Cornhill Magazine
*Cyclists' Touring Club Gazette
†Educational Times
English Illustrated Magazine
†Epicure
†Examination Guide
†Family Herald
Fortnightly Review
†Free Russia
†Free Sunday Advocate
*Friendly Companion (2 copies)
†Girls' Own Paper
Good Words
*Gospel Standard (2 copies)
Harper's Magazine
†Herald of the Golden Age
†Humanity
*Imperial Institute Journal
†Incorporated Accountants' Journal
†Insurance Agent
†Inventor's Review
†Labour Gazette
†Ladies' League Gazette
†Lady's Magazine
†Leisure Hour
Library Association Record
Library World
†Machinery Market
Macmillan's Magazine
†Magic Lantern Journal
†Musical Herald
†Musical Times
†Musicians, Incorporated Soc. of, Monthly Journal
National Review
†Nature Notes
†New Church Magazine
Nineteenth Century and After
†Our Own Gazette
*Our Work
*P.S.A. Leader
Pall Mall Magazine
†Patents
*Personal Rights
†Pioneer of Wisdom
†Plumber and Decorator
*Protestant Woman
Quiver
†Railway Official Gazette
Review of Reviews
*Sandycombe Road Magazine
†School Music Review
†Seamen, Deceased, Register of Names, &c.
*Single Tax
*Strand Magazine (2 copies)
Studio
Sunday at Home
Surrey Magazine (2 copies)

MONTHLIES—(*continued*).

†Tailor and Cutter
Temple Bar
*Theosophical Review
†Tool and Machinery Register
†Travel
†Vaccination Inquirer
†Vegetarian Messenger
†Weldon's Bazaar of Children's Fashions
†Weldon's Illustrated Dressmaker
†Weldon's Journal of Costumes
†Weldon's Ladies' Journal
Westminster Review
Windsor Magazine
*Womanhood
*Young Abstainer
†Young Ladies' Journal
*Young Protestant
†Zoophilist

QUARTERLIES.

Edinburgh Review
†Educational Record
Home Counties Magazine
Library
Navy List
Quarterly Review
*Richmond Hill School Magazine
*Surrey County Council, Minutes and Reports
†Technical Education—Record of
*Verulam Review

ANNUALS, &c.

Academy Notes
Annual Register
Army List (Hart's)
Art, The Year's
Australia, Western, Year Book
Bailey's Index to "The Times"
Books, English Catalogue of
Cambridge University Calendar
Charities Register and Digest
Church of England Year Book
Civil Service Year Book
Clerical Directory (Crockford's)
Constitutional Year Book
County Councils and Municipal Corporations Companion
*Dublin University Calendar
*Durham University Calendar
*Education, Report of the Board of
*Education, Reports of the Commissioner of, U. S. A.
Electrical Undertakings (Garcke)
Emigrants' Information Handbooks
Englishwomen's Year Book
Era Almanack
Financial Reform Almanack
*Foreign Office List
Harleian Society, Publications
Hazell's Annual
India Office List
Insurance Blue Book
†Kew Observatory, Reports
Kew, Royal Gardens, Bulletins
Library Year Book
†Licensed Victualler's Official Annual
Literary Index
*Local Government Board Report
*London County Council Reports
London Manual
London University Calender
*London University Guide
*Medical Council, Minutes
Municipal Year Book
Musical Association, Proceedings
*Music, Union of Graduates in, Roll and Kalendar
†Musicians, Incorp. Soc. of, List of Members, etc.
Oxford University Calendar
Palæontographical Society, Publications
Periodicals, Index to
Photograms of the Year
Pictures of the Year
Press Guide (Willing's)
Process Year Book
†Richmond Corporation Documents, Reports of Institutions, etc.
Rochester Diocesan Directory
Schools, Public, Year Book
Statesman's Year Book
Statutes, Public General
Steamship Guide (Rhodes)
Surrey Archæological Society, Publications
*Surrey County Council, Reports
*Technical Education, Nat. Assoc. for the Promotion of, Report
Whitaker's Almanack
Who's Who
Year's News (Morison)

DIRECTORIES

†Accountants and Auditors
†Advertisers' A B C
†Advertising, Practical
Booksellers (Clegg)
*English Directory and Gazetteer
†Insurance
†Kingston and District
Law List
London
London, Suburban
Medical
Middlesex
Musical
†Richmond and District
†Scholastic
†Stubbs' (Manufacturers, Merchant Shippers & Professional)
Surrey

RAILWAY TIME TABLES.

A B C Railway Guide
Bradshaw
†Caledonian
†District
†Great Central
†Great Eastern
†Great Northern
†Great Western
†Highland
†London and North-Western
†London and South-Western
†London, Brighton, and South Coast
†Metropolitan
†Midland
†North British
†North London
†South Eastern and Chatham

Newspapers and Periodicals taken at the Branch Reading Room

AT

Petersham.

*Those marked * are presented, and those marked † are sent from the Central Department.*

DAILIES.

Daily Chronicle
Evening News
Standard
Star

WEEKLIES.

*Christian Herald
†Christian World
*Church Family Newspaper
†Gardening World
†Graphic
†Guardian
†Illustrated London News
*Kingston and Surbiton Guardian
*Middlesex Chronicle
*Middlesex County Times
*News of the World
†Outlook
*Pitman's Phonetic Journal
†Poultry
*Richmond and Twickenham Times
*Richmond Herald
†Rock
†Speaker
*Surrey Advertiser
*Surrey Comet
*Surrey Times
*Thames Valley Times
†Westminster Budget

MONTHLIES.

Boys' Own Paper
Chambers's Journal
*Examination Guide
*Friendly Companion
Good Words
*Goodwill
*Gospel Standard
Leisure Hour
*Musical Times
*Patents
*School Music Review
*Strand Magazine
*Vegetarian Messenger
*Young Ladies' Journal

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Financial Statement

For the Year ended 31st March, 1901.

Dr. **REVENUE**

Income.

To	£	s.	d.	£	s.
Surplus at 31st March, 1900, as per last Report ..				225	2
Free Public Library Rate				1,106	6
CENTRAL LIBRARY.					
Library Receipts.					
Fines	89	16	10		
Damaged and Lost Books	3	19	4		
Sale of Catalogues	6	3	0		
Sale of Periodicals	7	14	8		
Sale of Waste Paper	1	12	9		
Bespoke Book Fees	4	2	1		
				113	8
Donations towards Library Funds				2	0
Carried forward				£1,446	17

Year ended 31st March, 1901.

ACCOUNT. Cr.

Expenditure.

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
By CENTRAL LIBRARY.			
Salaries and Wages:			
Librarian		200 0 0	
Assistants		174 10 6	
Porter		76 2 6	
			450 13 0
Books, Papers, &c.:			
Books, &c. (New)	243 9 7		
Books (Replacements)	21 0 9		
Local Views, Prints, &c. ..	35 1 2		
		299 11 6	
Subscriptions to			
Harleian Society	2 2 0		
Library Association of the United Kingdom	1 1 0		
Palæontographical Society ..	1 1 0		
Surrey Archæological Society ..	0 10 0		
		4 14 0	
Binding		110 16 4	
Magazines		62 1 7	
Newspapers		24 1 9	
			501 5 2
Printing and Stationery:			
Printing		23 5 3	
Stationery		17 9 7	
			40 14 10
Fuel, Light, and Cleaning:			
Coal, Coke, and Wood		18 19 4	
Gas and Electricity		53 12 6	
Cleaning Materials, &c. ..		6 15 11	
Wages of Cleaner		24 9 0	
			103 16 9
Furniture and Fittings:			
Fitting Electric Fan		56 0 0	
Safe		20 16 4	
Gas Fittings and Repairs ..		3 7 3	
Library Fittings		19 2 1	
Picture Frames		1 9 0	
Repairs		18 11 8	
			119 6 4
Miscellaneous:			
Insurance of Books, Pictures &c.		7 15 3	
Librarian's Guarantee		0 6 6	
Assurance of Porter		0 5 5	
Gardening		2 3 6	
Postages, Carriage of Parcels, &c.		14 8 0	
Inhabited House Duty		1 5 0	
Altering Porter's Uniform ..		0 10 0	
			26 13 8
Carried forward			£1,242 9 9

REVENUE

Income.	£ s. d.	£ s. d
Brought forward		1,446 17 9
PETERSHAM BRANCH.		
Library Receipts:		
Fines	0 11 10	
Sale of Periodicals	0 1 0	
		0 12 10
		£1,447 10 7

BALANCE

31st

Dr. Liabilities.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
To		
Sundry Creditors		260 18 10
Balance being excess of Assets:		
Books, &c., purchased out of Revenue	5,795 9 11	
Surplus on Revenue Account	188 9 1	
		5,983 19 0
		£6,244 17 10

ACCOUNT.—*Continued.*

Expenditure.	£	s.	d.
Brought forward	1,242	9	9
PETERSHAM BRANCH.			
Rent, &c., of Reading Room	12	3	0
Newspapers and Magazines	4	7	3
Insurance of Books, &c.	0	1	6
	1,259	1	6
Balance, Surplus at 31st March, 1901	188	9	1
	£1,447	10	7

HEET.

March, 1901.

Assets.								Cr.
				£	s.	d.	£	s. d.
y								
Books, Maps, Pictures, &c.							5,795	9 11
Cash Balances:								
Treasurer				397	7	2		
Librarian:								
Imprest	40	0	0					
Fines, &c., in hand ..	12	0	9					
				52	0	9		
							449	7 11
							£6,244	17 10

H. RICHARDS,

BOROUGH ACCOUNTANT.

Borough of Richmond, Surrey.

TWENTY-FIRST ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

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1901-1902.

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COMMITTEE AND OFFICERS, 1901-1902.

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Twenty-first Annual Report

OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE

Richmond Public Library.

To the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the Borough of Richmond, Surrey.

GENTLEMEN,

Your Committee beg to present their Twenty-first Annual Report. From the statistics tabulated on pages 10-16 it will be seen that the success and popularity of the Library are well maintained.

Issues. The total issues during 1901-2 were 96,030, representing a daily average of 397. The returns for the past two years are as follows:—

Year.	Days open.	Issues in Lending Library.	Issues in Reference Library.	Total Issues. (both Depts.)	Average Daily Issue.
1900-1901	243	92,472	7,581	100,053	412
1901-1902	242	89,984	6,046	96,030	397

The slight decrease in the year's issue is probably accounted for by the fact that there has been no printed list of the 5,440 volumes added to the Lending Department since the publication of the Catalogue in December, 1897. To meet this want the Committee in January last decided to publish a supplementary catalogue, and instructed the Librarian to prepare it. This supplement is now in the hands of the printers and it is hoped that it will be completed by the end of July of the present year.

It is interesting to note that the decline in the year's returns is in the main confined to Fiction, this class alone accounting for 71 per cent. of the decrease. On the other hand it is satisfactory to record that in spite of the falling-off in the total issues there has been an increased demand for works in some of the more serious classes of literature, viz :—Theology and Philosophy ; Law, Politics, and Social Economy ; and Arts, Sciences, and Natural History.

In connection with this increased demand for scientific works, it should be stated that during the past year the Committee gave special attention to this class. The increase therefore seems to show that the local public appreciate the efforts made by the Committee to encourage reading of works of a more solid character.

Borrowers. The number of borrowers to whom Lending Library tickets have been issued during the year is 1,747, the actual number of tickets in use on the 31st day of March, 1902, being 3,197. Of this number 2,723 are from Richmond, 313 from Kew, 45 from Petersham, and 116 from North Sheen.

New tickets have been issued to 778 male and 969 female borrowers. Particulars are given on pages 15-16 of this Report.

Overdue Books. The fines paid by borrowers during the year for the detention of books beyond the time allowed for home reading, realised £84 8s. 4d., a decrease of £5 8s. 6d. upon last year's amount. Circulars to the number of 705 were sent out for the return of overdue books, being 160 less than in the previous year. These figures show that books have been returned more promptly.

Additions to Stock. There have been added to the Library 1,616 volumes, of which 1,181 have been placed in the Lending Department, and 435 on the Reference Shelves. Of this total, 1,391 volumes were purchased by the Committee, and the remaining 225 were presented. Deducting 901 volumes withdrawn as duplicates, imperfect, obsolete, or worn out, there is left a total of 29,352 volumes in the Library, a net increase of 715 on the year, and a total increase of 20,428 since the publication of the first Annual Report in June, 1882.

This large number of withdrawals completes the weeding-out process undertaken by the Committee two years ago, and referred to by them in their last Report.

The following table shows the additions to the several classes of literature:—

A.	Theology and Philosophy	52
B.	Biography and Correspondence	131
C.	History, Topography, Voyages, and Travels ..	198
D.	Law, Politics, Social Economy, etc. ..	28
E.	Arts (including Music), Sciences, and Natural History	388
F.	Prose Fiction	205
G.	Poetry, Drama, and Classics	39
H.	Miscellaneous Literature	38
I.	Magazines and Reviews	35
J.	Juvenile Literature	42
K.	Foreign Literature	25
R.L.	Reference Library	435
		1616

It will be seen from the above statement that the claims of studious readers have received primary attention. Of the works added to the Library during the year, only 12½ per cent. are works of Fiction, purchased at a cost of £51 10s. as compared with £247 16s. spent on more serious books.

Stocktaking. The Library was closed for a fortnight in August last for the usual annual stocktaking and cleaning, when the books were carefully checked with the stock-book. It is satisfactory to report that with an issue of 96,030 volumes, only two books (valued at 6s. 5d.) were reported missing, whilst only one volume (valued at 2s. 3d.) was lost by default, *i.e.*, was in the hands of a reader whose whereabouts cannot be traced.

News Room, &c. The News Room and Reference Room have never been better attended than during the past year, and the general good order maintained by the visitors to the Library is very satisfactory. The capacity of the News Room is frequently taxed to its utmost, and the large attendances prove how great a want this Institution has supplied.

Binding. The binding account, though necessarily heavy, is £33 3s. 5d. less than last year. The quality of the work executed is up to the usual standard. The number of books bound and rebound was 1,265, as compared with 1,563 last year, but these figures do not represent the whole of the wear and tear of the books in circulation, for many hundreds pass through the hands of the library assistants in the course of the year for slight repairs.

Petersham Branch. The room at Petersham, which is open from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., shews an average evening attendance of 9, as compared with 8 last year. The number of volumes issued has increased from 1,738 to 1,831. The latter, however, does not indicate the whole use made of the Library by the Petersham borrowers for there are several who, from time to time, avail themselves of the privilege of applying either at the Central Library, or the Branch Library, as they may think fit. Of the 45 persons living in Petersham, who have tickets for home reading, 39 make use of the room as a delivery station for the exchange of books. The population of Petersham is 589.

Sunday Opening. The Sunday use of the Library again shows a decrease on all previous returns. The details of attendances and issues since the Library was first opened on Sundays are given below :—

Year.	Sundays open	Total Attendances.	Average per Sunday.	Men.	Women.	Juveniles.	Books consulted.
1894-95	26	2,912	112	73	12	27	225
1895-96	26	3,598	138	82	10	46	600
1896-97	25	3,412	136	77	9	50	371
1897-98	25	3,065	123	72	10	41	401
1898-99	25	3,147	126	73	11	42	327
1899-1900	25	3,421	137	96	9	32	268
1900-1901	26	2,665	103	72	10	21	219
1901-1902	25	2,272	91	62	10	19	162

The Library is open for three hours, *i.e.*, from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. each Sunday from October to March inclusive.

Donors. The grateful thanks of the Committee are again tendered to those Friends, Publishers, Newspaper Proprietors, and others, who have generously given donations of money, books, periodicals, etc. The aid thus rendered conduces materially to the continued prosperity of the Library.

Staff. The Librarian and his staff continue to perform their important and increasing duties to the entire satisfaction of the Committee.

The Committee cannot close this Report without expressing their sense of the great loss which they have sustained during the year by the death of Mr. F. Dalgarno Robinson, and the retirement of Mr. G. W. Duncan. The great ability, judgment, and experience of these gentlemen, their love of literature, and their devotion to the interests of the Library, made them invaluable colleagues, whose membership of the Committee, and of the Book Sub-Committee, contributed greatly to place the Institution in its present satisfactory condition.

Signed on behalf of the Committee,

CLIFFORD B. EDGAR,

Chairman.

June 4th, 1902.

CLASSIFICATION AND NUMBER OF VOLUMES IN THE LIBRARY.

Showing the Increase during the year ended 31st March, 1902.

Class Letter.	Classification of Books in the Lending Library.	No. of Vols. 1900-01.	No. of Vols. 1901-1902.
A	Theology and Philosophy	860	946
B	Biography and Correspondence	1623	1750
C	History, Topography, Voyages, and Travels	2155	2357
D	Law, Politics, Social Economy, &c	376	431
E	Arts, Sciences, and Natural History	2452	2855
F	Prose Fiction	3987	4136
G	Poetry, Drama, and Classics	950	1011
H	Miscellaneous English Literature	823	837
I	Magazines and Reviews	1136	1073
J	Juvenile Literature	740	778
K	Foreign Literature	576	608
		15678	16782
	Petersham Library	481	481
		16159	17263
	Reference Library	**12478**	**12089**
	Total Volumes	**28637**	**29352**

Volumes lost or damaged, and replaced by Borrowers or Guarantors 17
Volumes transferred from Reference Library to Lending Library 98
Volumes transferred from Lending Library to Reference Library 100
Volumes withdrawn, being worn out, useless, or duplicate, (75 from Lending Library, and 826 from Reference Library) 901
Volumes lost by default (Lending Library) 2

N.B.—The decrease in Class I and the Reference Library, as shown above, is consequent upon the withdrawal of duplicates, re-classification, and the transfer of volumes from the Lending Library to the Reference Department.

Table showing Total Issues for the twenty years and nine months that the Library has been opened.

Year.	Theology and Philosophy.	Biography and Correspondence.	History, Travels, &c.	Law, Politics, &c.	Arts and Sciences.	Fiction.	Poetry, Drama, and Classics.	Miscellaneous Literature.	Magazines and Reviews.	Juvenile Literature.	Foreign Literature.	Periodicals (Unbound Numbers).	Total Volumes.
1881-82 (9 months only)	1375	2414	5835	281	3523	42535	1351	1729	3245	4656	..	779	67723
1882-83	1356	2190	4960	298	3600	57726	1364	1399	5414	5639	..	1958	85904
1883-84	1104	2332	5206	323	3438	58543	1504	1570	5134	5194	..	2623	86971
1884-85	1143	2136	5120	328	3169	58272	1292	1366	5085	5321	..	2906	86138
1885-86	1416	2474	6291	449	3667	60922	1364	1851	5981	6147	..	4371	94933
1886-87	1394	2647	6141	349	4261	60054	1581	1909	5774	6340	..	3511	93961
1887-88	1331	2818	6569	537	3996	69465	1739	1789	7599	6521	..	3005	105369
1888-89	1366	3078	7453	510	3567	69999	1402	1964	7867	6659	..	3100	106965
1889-90	1185	3370	7561	456	3420	68237	1492	2301	6996	6234	1134	3601	105987
1890-91	1084	3189	5083	403	3267	63408	1559	1741	6659	5574	1324	3782	97073
1891-92	1045	2506	4935	430	3060	62239	1388	1480	5729	3873	1148	3556	91389
1892-93	1146	2690	6035	411	3637	60213	1680	2080	5215	4512	1377	3425	92421
1893-94	1335	3072	5925	531	4300	66622	1775	1934	5053	4741	1318	3592	100198
1894-95 (12 mths & 4 days)	1289	2965	6565	437	4608	71227	1957	1972	5832	5730	1382	3769	107743
1895-96	1423	3113	5018	563	4531	68120	1645	1686	7657	5430	1807	4406	105399
1896-97	1334	2753	5128	576	4894	67203	1763	2278	6760	5126	1645	4686	104146
1897-98	1432	2893	5096	566	5263	64036	1682	2534	5125	4892	1444	4401	99364
1898-99	1243	3361	5529	652	5197	66615	1796	2482	4986	4636	1598	3794	101889
1899-00	945	2795	4979	436	4523	66370	1670	2113	5035	4491	1291	3526	98174
1900-01	1073	2979	5351	471	5124	66924	1748	2048	4756	4908	1244	3427	100053
1901-02	1248	2810	4906	548	5181	65113	1559	1757	3303	4881	1243	3481	96030
TOTAL	26267	58585	119686	9555	86226	1333843	33321	39083	119205	111505	17955	71699	2027830

Total Number of Volumes borrowed from the Lending Library 1,859,168
Total Number of Volumes consulted in the Reference Library 168,662

2,027,830

Table of Issues in the Lending Library, 1901-1902.

Month.	No. of days open.	Theology and Philosophy.	Biography and Correspondence.	History, Travels, &c.	Law, Politics, &c.	Arts and Sciences.	Fiction.	Poetry, Drama, and Classics.	Miscellaneous Literature.	Magazines and Reviews.	Juvenile Literature.	Foreign Literature.	Total Volumes.	Total Borrowers.
April	19	97	177	335	18	307	5792	84	102	240	502	83	7737	7605
May.....	21	67	176	294	25	308	5786	86	84	267	423	85	7601	7491
June	21	86	201	253	24	272	5300	62	92	246	348	112	6996	6859
July.....	19	58	108	189	11	196	3708	63	77	162	237	72	4881	4796
August ..	15	51	103	172	14	169	3218	56	61	111	217	53	4225	4143
September	21	64	178	297	35	300	5570	77	92	225	393	74	7305	7177
October ..	22	82	203	292	35	361	5975	88	122	289	472	125	8044	7897
November	22	114	252	381	39	413	6351	121	148	342	540	117	8818	8653
December	21	93	181	333	24	358	5686	111	104	279	419	115	7703	7566
January ..	22	101	178	381	24	380	6290	125	132	305	474	121	8511	8370
February	20	115	250	364	30	332	5888	99	92	289	465	128	8052	7869
March....	19	114	177	310	17	320	5549	95	95	245	391	121	7434	7295
Total	242	1042	2184	3601	296	3716	65113	1067	1201	3000	4881	1206	87307[a]	85721

Periodicals issued for Home Reading 2677

a This includes 1831 Volumes issued from the Petersham Branch.

Table of Issues in the Reference Library, 1901-1902.

Month.	No. of days open	Theology and Philosophy.	Biography and Correspondence.	History, Travels, &c	Law, Politics, &c.	Arts and Sciences.	Poetry, Drama, and Classics.	Miscellaneous Literature.	Magazines and Reviews.	Foreign Literature.	Total Volumes.	Total Readers.
April	19	12	108	92	17	99	59	35	51	1	474	305
May.....	21	18	21	67	43	130	28	47	45	2	401	274
June..	21	8	18	99	12	154	41	64	28	16	440	239
July	19	10	19	66	13	117	29	25	27	2	308	204
August	15	5	22	94	11	99	22	33	14	5	305	242
September	21	7	35	122	31	145	26	24	14	0	404	305
October	22	4	62	94	21	138	47	36	20	1	423	276
November	22	47	63	108	29	104	68	73	12	1	505	308
December	21	13	109	172	8	127	39	58	20	2	548	342
January	22	19	71	110	26	114	46	89	39	3	517	366
February	20	39	59	108	10	112	35	42	4	2	411	257
March.....	19	16	33	58	29	104	51	22	29	2	344	232
Total	242	198	620	1190	250	1443	491	548	303	37	5080*	3350

File Volumes of Newspapers and Periodicals consulted 804

*To this must be added the Sunday Issues as follows: 25 Sundays, 162 Volumes to 153 Readers. Daily average, 6.

Total Issues in Lending and Reference Libraries, 1901-1902.

Month.	No. of days open.	Theology and Philosophy.	Biography and Correspondence.	History, Travels, &c.	Law, Politics, &c.	Arts and Sciences.	Fiction.	Poetry, Drama, and Classics.	Miscellaneous Literature.	Magazines and Reviews.	Juvenile Literature.	Foreign Literature.	Total Volumes.	Total Borrowers and Readers.	Daily Average of Issues.
April	19	109	285	427	35	406	5792	143	137	291	502	84	8211	7910	432
May	21	85	197	361	68	438	5786	114	131	312	423	87	8002	7765	381
June	21	94	219	352	36	426	5300	103	156	274	348	128	7436	7098	354
July	19	68	127	255	24	313	3708	92	102	189	237	74	5189	5000	273
August ..	15	56	125	266	25	268	3218	78	94	125	217	58	4530	4385	302
September	21	71	213	419	66	445	5570	103	116	239	393	74	7709	7482	367
October ..	22	86	265	386	56	499	5975	135	158	309	472	126	8467	8173	385
November	22	161	315	489	68	517	6351	189	221	354	540	118	9323	8961	424
December	21	106	290	505	32	485	5686	150	162	299	419	117	8251	7908	393
January ..	22	120	249	491	50	494	6290	171	221	344	474	124	9028	8736	410
February	20	154	309	472	40	444	5888	134	134	293	465	130	8463	8126	423
March....	19	130	210	368	46	424	5549	146	117	274	391	123	7778	7527	409
Total.....	242	1240	2804	4791	546	159	65113	1558	1749	3303	4881	1243	92387	89071	382

Number of Volumes issued (Week Days).....	92,387
" " (Sundays).....	162
Unbound Numbers of Periodicals and File Volumes of Newspapers consulted.....	3,481
	96,030

Daily Average (Week Days).....	397
Daily Average (25 Sundays).....	6
Population in 1901	31,677
Proportionate issue to each inhabitant	3.03

CLASSIFICATION OF BORROWERS.

To whom Tickets have been issued during the year 1901-1902.

OCCUPATIONS.

Accountants	10
Actors	1
Agents and Collectors	20
Analysts	4
Apprentice	1
Architects and Surveyors	10
Army and Navy Officers	19
Artists and Designers	9
Assistants and Salesmen	23
Auctioneers and Estate Agents	2
Authors	5
Bakers and Confectioners	7
Barmaids	2
Barristers and Solicitors	14
Bath Chair Proprietor	1
Beadle	1
Blacksmiths and Fitters	6
Boarding House Keepers	3
Boatbuilders	3
Bookbinder	1
Booksellers and Stationers	5
Bootmakers	2
Botanists	2
Bricklayers	2
Brickyard Proprietor	1
Brokers	5
Builders	2
Butcher	1
Cab Proprietor	1
Cabinet Makers and Upholsterers	3
Carmen	2
Carpenters and Joiners	10
Carriage Builder	1
Cellarman	1
Chemists	17
Civil Servants	17
Clergy	18
Clerks	117
Coachmen	2
Cricketer	1
Domestic Servants	46
Drapers and Drapers' Assistants	21
Dressmakers and Milliners	31
Dyer	1
Electricians	9
Engineers	23
Fishmonger	1
Fruiterer	1
Furniture Dealers	2
Gardeners and Florists	9
Grocers	14
Hairdressers	5
Innkeepers	4
Ironmongers	8
Jewellers and Watchmakers	6
Journalists	9
Labourers	2
Ladies	746
Laundresses	2
Leather Seller	1
Managers	16
Medical Men	11
Merchants and Manufacturers	14
Messengers	8
Music Teachers and Musicians	9
Nurses and Matrons	8
Painters, Plumbers, & Decorators	6
Photographers and Photographic Artists	9
Pawnbrokers	2
Pianoforte Tuners	4
Postmen	2
Printers	11
Railway Officials	4
Registry Office Keeper	1
Schoolmasters and Teachers	51
Scientist	1
Secretaries	8
Shipowner	1
Sign Writers	3
Stoker	1
Students and Scholars	62
Tailors and Outfitters	10
Taxidermist	1
Telegraphists	4
Travellers	11
Typewriters	2
Umbrella Maker	1
Undertaker	1
Waiters	2
Occupations not stated	190
	1,747

CLASSIFICATION OF BORROWERS—(*continued*).

Ages.	
Under 15	47
15 to 20	287
21 to 30	373
31 to 40	215
41 to 50	145
Above 50	162
Not stated	518
	1,747

Ratepayers & Non-Ratepayers.	
Ratepayers	477
Non-Ratepayers	1,270
	1,747

Sexes.	
Males	778
Females	969
	1,747

TOTAL NUMBER OF BORROWERS

Since the Opening of the Library in 1881.

Borrowers	joined	Lending	Library—	1881-82	3,180
,,	,,	,,	,,	1882-83	1,228
,,	,,	,,	,,	1883-84	2,060
,,	,,	,,	,,	1884-85	1,432
,,	,,	,,	,,	1885-86	1,907
,,	,,	,,	,,	1886-87	1,469
,,	,,	,,	,,	1887-88	1,926
,,	,,	,,	,,	1888-89	1,516
,,	,,	,,	,,	1889-90	1,772
,,	,,	,,	,,	1890-91	1,719
,,	,,	,,	,,	1891-92	1,490
,,	,,	,,	,,	1892-93	1,936
,,	,,	,,	,,	1893-94	1,728
,,	,,	,,	,,	1894-95	1,898
,,	,,	,,	,,	1895-96	1,948
,,	,,	,,	,,	1896-97	1,866
,,	,,	,,	,,	1897-98	1,926
,,	,,	,,	,,	1898-99	1,895
,,	,,	,,	,,	1899-1900	1,809
,,	,,	,,	,,	1900-01	1,992
,,	,,	,,	,	1901-02	1,747
					38,444
Total cancelled					35,247
Actual number of Tickets in use 31st March, 1902					3,197*

*Of these 2,723 are from Richmond, 313 from Kew, 45 from Petersham, and 116 from North Sheen.

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*Technical Education, Nat. Assoc. for the Promotion of, Report
What's What
Whitaker's Almanack
Who's Who
Year's News (Morison)

See also Directories.

DIRECTORIES.

†Accountants and Auditors
†Advertisers' A B C
†Advertising, Practical
Booksellers (Clegg)
†Church (Nisbet's)
Clerical (Crockford's)
*English Directory and Gazetteer
†Insurance
†Kingston and District
Law List
London
†London, Suburban
Medical
Merchants, Manufacturers, etc. (Kelly's)
Middlesex
Musical
†Richmond and District
Rochester Diocese
†Scholastic
†Stubbs' (Manufacturers, Merchant Shippers, & Professional)
Surrey

See also Annuals.

RAILWAY TIME TABLES.

A B C Railway Guide
Bradshaw
Caledonian
†District
†Great Central
†Great Eastern
†Great Northern
†Great Western
†Highland
†London and North-Western
†London and South-Western
†London, Brighton, and South Coast
†Metropolitan
†Midland
†North British
†North London
†South Eastern and Chatham

Newspapers and Periodicals taken at the Branch Reading Room

AT

Petersham.

*Those marked * are presented, and those marked † are sent from the Central Department.*

DAILIES.

Daily Chronicle
Evening News
Standard
Star

WEEKLIES.

*Christian Herald
†Christian World
†Gardening World
†Graphic
†Guardian
†Illustrated London News
*Middlesex Chronicle
*Middlesex County Times
*News of the World
†Outlook
*Pitman's Phonetic Journal
†Poultry
*Richmond and Twickenham Times
*Richmond Herald
†Speaker
*Surrey Advertiser
*Surrey Comet
*Surrey Times
*Thames Valley Times
†Westminster Budget

MONTHLIES.

Boys' Own Paper
Chambers's Journal
*Friendly Companion
Good Words
*Gospel Standard
Leisure Hour
*Musical Times
*School Music Review
*Strand Magazine
*Vegetarian Messenger
*Young Ladies' Journal

RAILWAY TIME TABLES.

†A B C Railway Guide
*District
*Great Central
*Great Eastern
*Great Western
*London and South-Western
*London, Brighton, and South Coast
*Metropolitan
*South Eastern and Chatham

Financial Statement

For the Year ended 31st March, 1902.

Dr. **REVENUE**

Income.

To	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Surplus at 31st March, 1901, as per last Report ..				188	9	1
Free Public Library Rate				1,110	10	10
CENTRAL LIBRARY.						
Library Receipts.						
Fines	84	8	4			
Damaged and Lost Books	2	12	10			
Sale of Catalogues	6	0	6			
Sale of Periodicals	4	18	5			
Sale of Waste Paper	2	17	9			
Bespoke Book Fees	3	9	6			
				104	7	4
Donations towards Library Funds				2	14	5
Carried forward				£1,406	1	8

Year ended 31st March, 1902.

ACCOUNT. Cr.

Expenditure.

By	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
CENTRAL LIBRARY.			
Salaries and Wages:			
Librarian		200 0 0	
Assistants		178 0 0	
Porter		78 10 6	
			456 10 6
Books, Papers, &c.:			
Books, &c. (New)	299 6 11		
Books (Replacements)	26 9 0		
Local Views, Prints, &c... ..	22 8 10		
		348 4 9	
Subscriptions to—			
Harleian Society	2 2 0		
Palæontographical Society ..	1 1 0		
Surrey Archæological Society..	0 10 0		
		3 13 0	
Binding	77 12 11		
Magazines	69 3 1		
Newspapers	25 10 6		
		172 6 6	524 4 3
Printing and Stationery:			
Printing		20 0 4	
Stationery		14 18 5	
Advertisements		1 3 6	
			36 2 3
Fuel, Light, and Cleaning:			
Coal, Coke, and Wood.. ..		15 6 0	
Gas		59 5 10	
Electricity		6 19 8	
Cleaning Materials, &c.		10 3 2	
Wages of Cleaner		18 10 7	
			110 5 3
Furniture and Fittings:			
Fittings for Electric Fan ..		1 4 10	
New Boiler		16 10 9	
Gas Fittings and Repairs ..		3 0 4	
Library Fittings		5 6 6	
Picture Frames		1 8 9	
Repairs		23 4 3	
			50 15 5
Miscellaneous:			
Insurance of Books, Pictures, &c.		7 15 3	
Librarian's Guarantee		0 6 6	
Assurance of Porter		0 5 7	
Gardening		2 4 0	
Postages, Carriage of Parcels, &c.		13 7 6	
Inhabited House Duty		1 5 0	
Porter's Uniform		4 4 0	
Store Room: Rent		20 0 0	
Ditto Solicitor's Costs *re* Agreement		1 11 6	
			50 19 4
Carried forward			£1,228 17 0

REVENU

Income.	£ s. d.	£ s. d
Brought forward		1,406 1
PETERSHAM BRANCH.		
Library Receipts:		
Fines	0 10 5	
Sale of Periodicals	0 1 0	
		0 11
		£1,406 13

BALANCE

31st

Dr. Liabilities.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
To		
Sundry Creditors		291 12 4
Balance being excess of Assets:		
Books, &c., purchased out of Revenue	6,118 16 8	
Surplus on Revenue Account	159 18 11	
		6,278 15 7
		£6,570 7 11

CCOUNT.—*Continued.*

Expenditure.

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Brought forward		1,228 17 0
PETERSHAM BRANCH.		
ent, &c., of Reading Room	13 2 0	
ewspapers and Magazines	4 13 2	
nsurance of Books, &c.	0 1 6	
tationery	0 0 6	
		17 17 2
		1,246 14 2
lance, Surplus at 31st March, 1902		159 18 11
		£1,406 13 1

SHEET.

larch, 1902.

Assets. **Cr.**

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
y			
Books, Maps, Pictures, &c.			6,118 16 8
Cash Balances:			
Treasurer		405 5 1	
Librarian:			
Imprest	40 0 0		
Fines, &c., in hand	6 6 2		
		46 6 2	
			451 11 3
			£6,570 7 11

H. RICHARDS,

BOROUGH ACCOUNTANT.

Borough of Richmond, Surrey.

TWENTY-SECOND ANNUAL REPORT

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COMMITTEE AND OFFICERS, 1902-3.

Chairman.

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Attendant.

W. KIRBY.

Twenty-second Annual Report

OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE

Richmond Public Library.

To the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the Borough of Richmond, Surrey.

GENTLEMEN,

The Public Library Committee, in submitting their Twenty-second Annual Report, are gratified in being able to present a statement which shews the continued popularity and usefulness of the Institution under their care.

The conditions, however, under which the work of the Library is carried on are offering greater difficulties year by year, owing to the want of adequate shelf room and other accommodation. This need has been mentioned from time to time in recent Reports, and is now reaching an acute stage. The growing requirements of the Borough are becoming out of all proportion to the space available in the Library building. How best to remove this difficulty is a question engaging the earnest attention of the Committee.

Issues. There is a slight decrease of 228 in the issues of the Reference Library, but those of the Lending Library shew an increase of 2,036. The net increase of 1,808 is, however, due to the fact that the Library was open six days more than during the preceding year. But for this the totals would have been about the same. The returns for the past two years are as follows :—

Year.	Days open.	Issues in Lending Library.	Issues in Reference Library.	Total Issues. (both Depts.)
1901-1902	242	89,984	6,046	96,030
1902-1903	248	92,020	5,818	97,838

It is encouraging to note that in the Lending Department there has been a substantial increase in all classes of literature other than fiction, accompanied by a proportionate diminution in this latter section.

This is probably due in a large measure to the publication last December of a supplement to the existing catalogue, but the erection of a show-case on the counter, for books other than fiction, has no doubt also helped to increase the issues of books of a more serious character. In the department of Music, which numbers 854 volumes, the increase has been most noteworthy, exceeding 60 per cent. In 1901-1902 the issue was 754, while this year it reached 1,233, a large proportion of the increase being recorded after the issue of the new catalogue.

Borrowers. During the past 12 months 1,962 new tickets have been issued for home reading, an increase of 215 as compared with the preceding year. The actual number of tickets in use on March 31, 1903, was 3,150. Of this number, 2,654 are held in the parish of Richmond, 322 in Kew, 65 in Petersham, and 109 in North Sheen. Tickets are available for two years only, after which they are cancelled and renewed on application.

Overdue Books, Fines, etc. The amount received from fines was £79 16s. 11d. as compared with £84 8s. 4d. last year. Circulars were sent to 738 borrowers for the return of overdue books, being 33 more than in 1901-02.

The arrangement under which by payment of one penny a borrower may secure the early use of a book in great demand, continues to be appreciated, 763 pennies having been paid for that purpose during the past year.

Additions to Stock. There have been added to the Library 1,223 volumes, or 393 less than last year. Of this year's additions 529 have been placed in the Lending Department, and 694 on the Reference shelves. Of this total 783 volumes were purchased by the Committee, and the remaining 440 were presented. Deducting 100 volumes withdrawn as duplicates, imperfect, obsolete, or worn out, there is left a total of 30,475 volumes in the Library, a net increase of 1,123 on the year, and a total increase of 21,551 since the publication of the first Annual Report in June, 1882.

The following table shews the additions to the several classes of literature:—

A.	Theology and Philosophy	28
B.	Biography and Correspondence	58
C.	History, Topography, Voyages, and Travels ..	71
D.	Law, Politics, Social Economy, etc.	23
E.	Arts (including Music), Sciences, and Natural History	86
F.	Prose Fiction	118
G.	Poetry, Drama, and Classics	28
H.	Miscellaneous Literature	42
I.	Magazines and Reviews	37
J.	Juvenile Literature	28
K.	Foreign Literature	10
R.L.	Reference Library	694
		1223

Of the works added during the year, 9½ per cent. are works of fiction, purchased at a cost of £46 2s. 7d. On more serious books the sum of £193 12s. 11d. was expended.

Stock-taking. The Library was closed as usual in August last for the annual stock-taking and cleaning. It is very satisfactory to record that after an issue of nearly 98,000 volumes, all the books were accounted for, and only two novels valued at 5s. 5d., were lost by default, *i.e.* in the hands of readers who had left the town and whose whereabouts it was impossible to trace.

Catalogue. In view of the large number of volumes added to the Lending Library since the last edition of the Catalogue was published in December, 1897, the Committee early in 1902 gave instructions for the preparation of a Supplementary Catalogue. The compilation of this Catalogue was duly carried out by the Librarian, but owing to delays in passing it through the press the work was not placed in the hands of the public until the beginning of December last. This Supplement consists of 124 pages, demy 8vo., and represents some 5,700 volumes. For economy's sake a broad classified form of catalogue was decided upon. A key to the contents or classification is inserted after the title page, and it is hoped that readers, by aid of this key, will be enabled to find readily any particular work they may wish to consult. An edition of 1,500 copies was printed, and from the date of publication up to March 31, 444 copies were sold.

News Room, etc. The News Room and Reference Room are frequented more than ever, and the tables and stands are often inconveniently crowded with readers of both sexes. The rooms are provided with 24 daily, 144 weekly, 3 fortnightly,

102 monthly, and 16 quarterly papers and periodicals, and 17 time tables. Of these 168 are presented, the remaining 121 are purchased by the Committee.

There is also a cabinet of 104 volumes of reference books, to which readers have unrestricted access. The Librarian reports most favourably on the general conduct observed in the Library, as regards both the order kept by the visitors and the care of the readers for the books, papers, and other property.

Binding. The volumes bound and re-bound number 1,495, at a cost of £102 9s. 4d., as compared with 1,265 volumes last year, at a cost of £77 12s. 11d.

A large number of books have also been repaired by the staff on the premises. The binding includes the making up of magazines, reviews, and certain local newspapers into volumes for use in the Lending and Reference Departments.

Petersham Branch. The average evening attendance in this room, which is open from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., has been 8 as compared with 9 last year, but the volumes issued have increased from 1,831 to 2,076. Several readers, however, avail themselves of the privilege of using either the central or the branch library, as they may choose, so that the above figures do not indicate the whole use made of the Library by the Petersham borrowers.

Of the 64 persons living in Petersham who have tickets for home reading, 61 make use of the room as a delivery station for the exchange of books.

Sunday Opening. The Committee report a slight increase on last year's attendance. The following are the details of the attendances, etc., since the Library was first opened on Sundays:—

Year.	Sundays open.	Total Attendances.	Average per Sunday.	Men.	Women.	Juveniles.	Books consulted.
1894-95	26	2,912	112	73	12	27	225
1895-96	26	3,598	138	82	10	46	600
1896-97	25	3,412	136	77	9	50	371
1897-98	25	3,065	123	72	10	41	401
1898-99	25	3,147	126	73	11	42	327
1899-00	25	3,421	137	96	9	32	268
1900-01	26	2,665	103	72	10	21	219
1901-02	25	2,272	91	62	10	19	162
1902-03	26	2,734	105	76	10	19	107

The Library is open for three hours, *i.e.*, from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. each Sunday, from October to March inclusive.

Visit of the Library Association. On the afternoon of July 17 last, your Committee received, at the Library, a visit from the Library Association.

About 100 members and friends attended. After inspecting the Library the party proceeded to the Town Hall by way of the Green and the Old Palace. At the Town Hall the visitors were met by the Mayor (Mr. Alderman Aldin, J.P.), the Town Clerk, the Chairman of the Library Committee (Mr. Councillor Edgar, J.P.), and other members of the Committee. The Mayor was voted to the chair and welcomed the Association to Richmond on behalf of the Burgesses and the Town Council.

After the formal business of the Association, Mr. Albert A. Barkas, the Librarian, read a paper on "A Richmond Fifteenth Century Library," followed by an account of the Richmond Public Library. At the close of the discussion the visitors were kindly entertained at tea by the Mayor.

On leaving the Town Hall the party walked along the river-side and through the Terrace Gardens to Doughty House, on the Hill, where they were received by Sir Frederick and Lady Cook, who, with great kindness had invited the members of the Association and their friends to inspect the treasures in their Art Galleries. The proceedings concluded with a banquet at the Star and Garter Hotel, when some 140 ladies and gentlemen were the guests of the Chairman of the Library Committee and Mrs. Clifford Edgar.

It is satisfactory to know that all who were present were heartily gratified by their reception and entertainment in Richmond, and the gathering was pronounced one of the most enjoyable and successful of its kind.

Library Association Conference. The Librarian, at the Committee's request, attended the Annual Conference of the Library Association, held in Birmingham during September, 1902.

The Conference was held by invitation of the Public Library Committee of the Birmingham City Council, the Council of the University of Birmingham, and the Committee of the Birmingham Old Library.

The programme included many papers and discussions on subjects of importance to Libraries, Library Committees, and Librarians.

Donations. Among the gifts to the Library during the past year must be mentioned a handsome legacy of £100 and a collection of 275 volumes bequeathed by the late Mr. John Heneage, of 6, Rothesay Villas, Friar's Stile Road, an old frequenter of the Library, who died on November 23, 1902.

The Committee have to offer their hearty thanks to all who have kindly furthered the interests of the Institution by gifts of books, or otherwise.

Staff. In conclusion the Committee desire to record once more their satisfaction with the manner in which the heavy and increasing work of the Library has been performed by Mr. Barkas and his assistants.

Signed on behalf of the Committee,

CLIFFORD B. EDGAR,

Chairman.

June 3, 1903.

CLASSIFICATION AND NUMBER OF VOLUMES IN THE LIBRARY.

Showing the Increase during the year ended 31st March, 1903.

Class Letter.	Classification of Books in the Lending Library.	No. of Vols. 1901-1902.	No. of Vols. 1902-1903.
A	Theology and Philosophy	946	973
B	Biography and Correspondence	1750	1814
C	History, Topography, Voyages, and Travels	2357	2429
D	Law, Politics, Social Economy, &c	431	455
E	Arts, Sciences, and Natural History	2855	2913
F	Prose Fiction	4136	4248
G	Poetry, Drama, and Classics	1011	1041
H	Miscellaneous English Literature	837	898
I	Magazines and Reviews	1073	1110
J	Juvenile Literature	778	805
K	Foreign Literature	608	618
		16782	17304
	Petersham Library	481	481
		17263	17785
	Reference Library	**12089**	**12690**
	Total Volumes	**29352**	**30475**

Volumes lost or damaged, and replaced by Borrowers or Guarantors 20
Volumes damaged and replaced by Health Committee 5
Volumes transferred from Reference Library to Lending Library 5
Volumes withdrawn, being worn out, useless, or duplicate, (12 from Lending Library, and 88 from Reference Library) 100
Volume lost by default (Lending Library) 1

Table showing Total Issues for the twenty-one years and nine months that the Library has been opened.

Year.	Theology and Philosophy.	Biography and Correspondence.	History, Travels, &c.	Law, Politics, &c.	Arts and Sciences.	Fiction.	Poetry, Drama, and Classics.	Miscellaneous Literature.	Magazines and Reviews.	Juvenile Literature.	Foreign Literature.	Periodicals (Unbound Numbers).	Total Volumes.
1881-82 (9 months only)	1375	2414	5835	281	3523	42535	1351	1729	3245	4656	..	779	67723
1882-83	1356	2190	4960	298	3600	57726	1364	1399	5414	5639	..	1958	85904
1883-84	1104	2332	5206	323	3438	58543	1504	1570	5134	5194	..	2623	86971
1884-85	1143	2136	5120	328	3169	58272	1292	1366	5085	5321	..	2906	86138
1885-86	1416	2474	6291	449	3667	60922	1364	1851	5981	6147	..	4371	94933
1886-87	1394	2647	6141	349	4261	60054	1581	1909	5774	6340	..	3511	93961
1887-88	1331	2818	6569	537	3996	69465	1739	1789	7599	6521	..	3005	105369
1888-89	1366	3078	7453	510	3567	69999	1402	1964	7867	6659	..	3100	106965
1889-90	1185	3370	7561	456	3420	68237	1492	2301	6996	6234	1134	3601	105987
1890-91	1084	3189	5083	403	3267	63408	1559	1741	6659	5574	1324	3782	97073
1891-92	1045	2506	4935	430	3060	62239	1388	1480	5729	3873	1148	3556	91389
1892-93	1146	2690	6035	411	3637	60213	1680	2080	5215	4512	1377	3425	92421
1893-94	1335	3072	5925	531	4300	66622	1775	1934	5053	4741	1318	3592	100198
1894-95 (12 mths & 4 days)	1289	2965	6565	437	4608	71227	1967	1972	5832	5730	1382	3769	107743
1895-96	1423	3113	5018	563	4531	68120	1645	1686	7657	5430	1807	4406	105399
1896-97	1334	2753	5128	576	4894	67203	1763	2278	6760	5126	1645	4686	104146
1897-98	1432	2893	5096	566	5263	64036	1682	2534	5125	4892	1444	4401	99364
1898-99	1243	3361	5529	652	5197	66615	1796	2482	4986	4636	1598	3794	101889
1899-00	945	2795	4979	436	4523	66370	1670	2113	5035	4491	1291	3526	98174
1900-01	1073	2979	5351	471	5124	66924	1748	2048	4756	4908	1244	3427	100053
1901-02	1248	2810	4906	548	5181	65113	1559	1757	3303	4881	1243	3481	96030
1902-03	1418	3137	5317	571	6482	65561	1637	1852	2660	4612	1324	3267	97838
TOTAL	27685	61722	125003	10126	92708	1399404	34958	41835	121865	116117	19279	74966	2125668

Total Number of Volumes borrowed from the Lending Library 1,951,188
Total Number of Volumes consulted in the Reference Library 174,480

2,125,668

Table of Issues in the Lending Library, 1902-1903.

Month.	No. of days open.	Theology and Philosophy.	Biography and Correspondence.	History, Travels, &c.	Law, Politics, &c.	Arts and Sciences.	Fiction.	Poetry, Drama, and Classics.	Miscellaneous Literature.	Magazines and Reviews.	Juvenile Literature.	Foreign Literature.	Total Volumes.	Total Borrowers.
April	22	103	202	369	31	366	6262	110	113	256	474	153	8439	8293
May.....	21	99	196	317	24	311	5905	128	111	213	417	163	7884	7703
June	21	68	167	253	14	251	4895	93	121	179	308	109	6458	6302
July.....	18	49	115	185	11	206	3467	52	63	122	238	88	4596	4519
August ..	15	58	97	140	19	183	3053	41	49	113	203	47	4003	3936
September	22	93	220	272	22	377	5402	80	106	154	390	105	7221	7072
October ..	22	110	202	293	21	439	6128	122	115	254	380	116	8180	8040
November	21	93	212	322	28	443	6181	104	120	277	448	110	8338	8197
December	22	118	234	358	32	472	5790	94	108	303	404	96	8009	7870
January ..	22	114	286	440	63	567	6319	143	159	236	486	100	8913	8720
February	20	119	249	432	46	569	5925	141	133	190	404	113	8321	8131
March....	22	169	324	446	57	685	6234	124	154	248	460	100	9001	8815
Total	248	1193	2504	3827	368	4869	65561	1232	1352	2545	4612	1300	89363*a*	87598

Periodicals issued for Home Reading 2657

a This includes 2076 Volumes issued from the Petersham Branch.

Table of Issues in the Reference Library, 1902-1903.

Month.	No. of days open	Theology and Philosophy.	Biography and Correspondence.	History, Travels, &c.	Law, Politics, &c.	Arts and Sciences.	Poetry, Drama, and Classics.	Miscellaneous Literature.	Magazines and Reviews.	Foreign Literature.	Total Volumes.	Total Readers.
April	22	11	70	140	33	140	24	21	11	0	450	283
May.....	21	10	50	102	12	131	51	35	3	1	395	265
June..	21	8	32	64	12	111	15	24	4	3	273	188
July	18	17	30	103	14	65	23	28	10	3	293	209
August	15	17	37	110	8	98	16	25	4	1	316	205
September	22	28	24	87	23	147	45	21	6	1	382	269
October	22	15	34	129	25	130	79	45	17	5	479	328
November	21	19	56	105	9	186	30	57	15	0	477	299
December	22	40	39	126	18	166	29	40	12	3	473	326
January	22	10	62	161	25	194	31	55	12	3	553	364
February	20	23	42	126	14	84	35	55	12	3	394	273
March.....	22	27	153	172	8	132	27	89	7	1	616	309
Total	248	225	629	1425	201	1584	405	495	113	24	5101*	3318

File Volumes of Newspapers and Periodicals consulted 610

*To this must be added the Sunday Issues as follows: 26 Sundays, 107 Volumes to 103 Readers. Daily average, 4

Total Issues in Lending and Reference Libraries, 1902-1903.

Month.	No. of days open.	Theology and Philosophy.	Biography and Correspondence.	History, Travels, &c.	Law, Politics, &c.	Arts and Sciences.	Fiction.	Poetry, Drama, and Classics.	Miscellaneous Literature.	Magazines and Reviews.	Juvenile Literature.	Foreign Literature.	Total Volumes.	Total Borrowers and Readers.	Daily Average of Issues.
April	22	114	272	509	64	506	6262	134	134	267	474	153	8889	8576	404
May	21	109	246	419	36	442	5905	179	146	216	417	164	8279	7968	394
June	21	76	199	317	26	362	4895	108	145	183	308	112	6731	6490	321
July	18	66	145	288	25	271	3467	75	91	132	238	91	4889	4728	272
August ..	15	75	134	250	27	281	3053	57	74	117	203	48	4319	4141	288
September	22	121	244	359	45	524	5402	125	127	160	390	106	7603	7341	346
October ..	22	125	236	422	46	569	6128	201	160	271	380	121	8659	8368	394
November	21	112	268	427	37	629	6181	134	177	292	448	110	8815	8496	420
December	22	158	273	484	50	638	5790	123	148	315	404	99	8482	8196	386
January ..	22	124	348	601	88	761	6319	174	214	248	486	103	9466	9084	430
February	20	142	291	558	60	653	5925	176	188	202	404	116	8715	8404	436
March....	22	196	477	618	65	817	6234	151	243	255	460	101	9617	9124	437
Total.....	248	1418	3133	5252	569	6453	65561	1637	1847	2658	4612	1324	94464	90916	381

Number of Volumes issued (Week Days).....	94,464
" " (Sundays).....	107
Unbound Numbers of Periodicals and File Volumes of Newspapers consulted.....	3,267
	97,838

Daily Average (Week Days).....	395
Daily Average (26 Sundays)	4
Population in 1902	32, 300
Proportionate issue to each inhabitant	3·02

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To whom Tickets have been issued during the year 1902-1903.

OCCUPATIONS.

Accountants	6
Actor	1
Agents and Collectors	12
Apprentice	1
Architects and Surveyors	8
Army and Navy Officers	12
Art Needleworkers	3
Artists and Designers	15
Assistants and Salesmen	28
Auctioneers and Estate Agents	4
Authors	2
Bakers and Confectioners	7
Barmaid	1
Barristers and Solicitors	17
Blacksmiths and Fitters	2
Boarding House Keepers	2
Boatbuilder	1
Bookseller	1
Bootmakers	4
Botanist	1
Bricklayers	2
Brokers	11
Builders	7
Butchers	2
Cabinet Maker and Upholsterer	1
Carpenters and Joiners	10
Carriage Builders	3
Cellarmen	3
Chemists	10
China Dealer	1
Civil Servants	27
Clergy	14
Clerks	149
Coachman	1
Curators	2
Dairyman	1
Dancing Master	1
Dentists	3
Domestic Servants	53
Drapers and Drapers' Assistants	28
Dressmakers and Milliners	39
Electricians	10
Engineers	16
Fishmonger	1
Fruiterers and Greengrocers	3
Furniture Dealer	1
Gardeners and Florists	10
Golf Club Maker	1
Grocers	11
Hairdressers	3
Innkeepers	6
Ironmongers	2
Jewellers and Watchmakers	7
Journalists	11
Labourers	2
Ladies	863
Laundress	1
Leather Seller	1
Lecturer	1
Managers	12
Medical Men	9
Merchants and Manufacturers	16
Messengers	5
Music Teachers and Musicians	7
Nurses and Matrons	12
Painters, Plumbers, & Decorators	16
Photographers and Photographic Artists	12
Pianoforte Tuner	1
Picture Frame Makers & Gilders	2
Police Officers	3
Postmen	6
Printers	8
Railway Officials	3
Registrars	2
Restaurant Keepers	2
Schoolmasters and Teachers	88
Scientist	1
Secretaries	12
Sign Writer	1
Stonemason	1
Students and Scholars	53
Tailors and Outfitters	9
Telegraphist	1
Tobacconist	1
Travellers	15
Typewriters	4
Undertaker	1
Waiters	2
Warehousemen	3
Occupations not stated	208
	1,962

CLASSIFICATION OF BORROWERS—(*continued*).

AGES.

Under 15	41
15 to 20	312
21 to 30	414
31 to 40	250
41 to 50	164
Above 50	206
Not stated	575
	1,962

RATEPAYERS & NON-RATEPAYERS.

Ratepayers	521
Non-Ratepayers	1,441
	1,962

SEXES.

Males	846
Females	1,116
	1,962

TOTAL NUMBER OF BORROWERS

Since the Opening of the Library in 1881.

Borrowers joined Lending Library—1881-82	3,180
,, ,, ,, ,, 1882-83	1,228
,, ,, ,, ,, 1883-84	2,060
,, ,, ,, ,, 1884-85	1,432
,, ,, ,, ,, 1885-86	1,907
,, ,, ,, ,, 1886-87	1,469
,, ,, ,, ,, 1887-88	1,926
,, ,, ,, ,, 1888-89	1,516
,, ,, ,, ,, 1889-90	1,772
,, ,, ,, ,, 1890-91	1,719
,, ,, ,, ,, 1891-92	1,490
,, ,, ,, ,, 1892-93	1,936
,, ,, ,, ,, 1893-94	1,728
,, ,, ,, ,, 1894-95	1,898
,, ,, ,, ,, 1895-96	1,948
,, ,, ,, ,, 1896-97	1,866
,, ,, ,, ,, 1897-98	1,926
,, ,, ,, ,, 1898-99	1,895
,, ,, ,, ,, 1899-1900	1,809
,, ,, ,, ,, 1900-01	1,992
,, ,, ,, ,, 1901-02	1,747
,, ,, ,, ,, 1902-03	1,962
	40,406
Total cancelled	37,256
Actual number of Tickets in use 31st March, 1903	3,150*

*Of these 2,654 are from Richmond, 322 from Kew, 65 from Petersham, and 109 from North Sheen.

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For the Year ended 31st March, 1903.

Dr. **REVENUE**

Income.

To	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Surplus at 31st March, 1902, as per last Report ..		159 18 11
Free Public Library Rate		1,115 16 1
CENTRAL LIBRARY.		
Library Receipts.		
Fines..	79 16 11	
Damaged and Lost Books	3 8 0	
Sale of Catalogues	10 12 0	
Sale of Periodicals	3 14 0	
Sale of Waste Paper	3 11 8	
Bespoke Book Fees	3 3 7	
Advertisements in Catalogue	10 17 0	
		115 3 2
Donations towards Library Funds	0 12 1	
Amount of "Heneage" Bequest	100 0 0	
		100 12 1
Carried forward		£1,491 10 3

ACCOUNT.

Cr.

Expenditure.

By	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
CENTRAL LIBRARY.			
alaries and Wages:			
Librarian		210 0 0	
Assistants		202 1 0	
Porter		75 13 0	
			487 14 0
ooks, Papers, &c.:			
Books, &c. (New)	187 7 11		
Books (Replacements) ..	27 17 11		
Local Views, Prints, &c. ..	19 3 10		
		234 9 8	
Subscriptions to—			
Electrical Review	0 10 10		
Harleian Society	2 2 0		
Library Association	1 1 0		
Library World	0 11 0		
Palæontographical Society ..	1 1 0		
		5 5 10	
Binding	102 9 4		
Magazines	68 13 11		
Newspapers	26 4 4		
		197 7 7	
			437 3 1
rinting and Stationery:			
Printing		62 0 0	
Stationery		8 10 6	
Advertisements		1 2 0	
			71 12 6
iel, Light, and Cleaning:			
Coal, Coke, and Wood		18 2 0	
Gas		57 17 3	
Electricity		5 15 0	
Cleaning Materials, &c. ..		6 19 9	
Wages of Cleaner		17 18 4	
			106 12 4
rniture and Fittings:			
Lamp and fixing		9 14 3	
Coronation Decorations ..		10 0 0	
Bookcase		16 10 6	
Library Fittings		3 18 2	
Picture Frames		0 12 6	
Repairs		19 4 11	
			60 0 4
iscellaneous:			
Insurance of Books, Pictures, &c.		7 15 3	
Librarian's Guarantee		0 5 0	
Assurance of Porter		0 5 7	
Gardening		1 10 1	
Postages, Carriage of Parcels, &c.		17 18 4	
Inhabited House Duty ..		1 5 0	
Store Room: Rent		20 0 0	
Commission on Catalogue Advertisements		1 1 8	
			50 0 11
Carried forward			£1,213 3 2

Income.

	£ s. d.	£ s.
Brought forward		1,491 10
To		
PETERSHAM BRANCH.		
Library Receipts:		
Fines		0 7
		£1,491 18

BALANC

31

Dr. Liabilities.	£ s. d.	£ s.
To		
Sundry Creditors		137 14
Balance being excess of Assets:		
Books, &c., purchased out of Revenue	6,325 8 5	
Surplus on Revenue Account	261 6 4	
		6,586 14
		£6,724 9

CCOUNT.—*Continued.*

Expenditure.

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Brought forward		1,213 3 2

PETERSHAM BRANCH.

ent, &c., of Reading Room	12 12 0	
ewspapers and Magazines	4 14 6	
surance of Books, &c.	0 1 6	
habited House Duty	0 0 6	
		17 8 6
		1,230 11 8
lance, Surplus at 31st March, 1903		261 6 4
		£1,491 18 0

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Assets. **Cr.**

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Books, Maps, Pictures, &c.			6,325 8 5
sh Balances:			
Treasurer		345 8 0	
Librarian:			
Imprest	45 0 0		
Fines, &c., in hand	8 12 11		
		53 12 11	
			399 0 11
			£6,724 9 4

H. RICHARDS,

BOROUGH ACCOUNTANT.

Borough of Richmond, Surrey.

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COMMITTEE AND OFFICERS.

(JUNE, 1904.)

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Committee.

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Attendant.

W. KIRBY.

Twenty-third Annual Report

OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE

Richmond Public Library.

To the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the Borough of Richmond, Surrey.

GENTLEMEN,

Your Committee have pleasure in reporting at the close of another year, a further advance in the popularity and usefulness of the Library, as indicated by an increase in the number of books issued for home reading throughout the Borough, a larger issue of books consulted in the Reference Library, and an improvement in the class of literature read.

The most important event in the Library annals of the year has been the sealing by the Town Council, on the recommendation of the Library Committee, of an agreement for the acquisition of the freehold property known as "The Cottage," which adjoins the Library building.

In July last the following report was submitted to the Council :—

> The Committee have felt it their duty in recent annual reports to draw the attention of the Town Council to the increasing difficulty under which the work of the Library is carried on, owing to the Institution having outgrown its quarters.
>
> The congested condition of the existing building, the overcrowded state of the shelves, and the growing demands made upon the Library by the Burgesses have given the Committee much cause for anxious consideration.
>
> The problem of finding a remedy has been no easy one; for a long time the Committee have been unable to formulate any proposal satisfactory to themselves.

Within the past few months, however, the Committee have become aware of the possibility of securing, for purposes of Library extension, the freehold property known as "The Cottage," which adjoins the Library, and have held special meetings to consider the desirability of its purchase.

The premises have a frontage of 66 feet 6 inches, and an area of about 659 square yards, of which 572 square yards would be available for building purposes.

After very careful enquiry, the Committee have come to the conclusion that the property is in every way a desirable site for purposes of extension, and are advised that the price asked, three thousand three hundred pounds (£3,300) is a reasonable one, having regard to the excellent situation of the property and the use to which, if purchased, it would be put.

The Committee have for some time been in communication with the owner (Mr. C. Maynard Owen), and as a result of their negotiations now beg to submit to the Council an agreement for purchase. The owner is not prepared to give immediate possession of the premises, and it is proposed that completion of the purchase and payment of the purchase-money shall take place at a future date, not in any case later than December 24th, 1907, with option to the owner by notice to require completion on any day after the 24th June, 1905.

The Committee do not contemplate that the proposed purchase would involve any addition to the Borough expenditure, as they are prepared to bear the annual cost of the necessary loan out of the ordinary Library income.

In these circumstances the Committee unanimously recommend the Council to approve the agreement and authorise it to be sealed, either in its present form or with any minor modifications which may be approved by the Committee and the Town Clerk.

The proposal met with the unanimous approval of the Council, and it was accordingly decided to seal the necessary agreement.

As the income at the disposal of the Library Committee is practically restricted to the Penny Rate, the question of building operations may have to be postponed for some years, unless in the meantime the funds for an adequate extension should be secured from other sources. Once in possession of the adjoining property however, it will be possible, without great expenditure, to adapt it to library purposes, and in many ways to develop the usefulness of the Institution, and to increase the comfort and convenience of those who use it.

The Town Council at their meeting in October last, instructed the Town Clerk to take Counsel's opinion as to whether it was competent for the Council to charge the cost of repairs to the Free Public Library building to the Borough Fund independently of the Penny Rate authorised by the Free Libraries Act. The Council hitherto had assumed that such charges need not be placed

on that rate, and had year after year included in their estimates certain sums for structural repairs at the Library.

A case was accordingly laid before Mr. Macmorran, K.C., and he advised that there was no legal authority to pay such cost, or to make any expenditure by the Council for Library purposes otherwise than out of the proceeds of the Penny Rate.

In January the Committee carried out certain urgent repairs to the Library building. The two parallel brick arches supporting the roof in the centre of the News Room were found to be insecure and were condemned. These arches were replaced by new ones, under the superintendence of the Borough Surveyor, at a cost of £69 16s. 0d.

The result is satisfactory in every way. Public safety has been ensured, and there is a marked improvement in regard to air space, light, and ventilation.

Issues. An increase of 4,733 appears in the total issues as compared with last year's figures. This represents a daily average of 417 as compared with 395.

The following statement gives the returns for the past three years:—

Year.	Days open.	Issues in Lending Library.	Issues in Reference Library.	Total Issues. (Both Depts.)
1901-1902	242	89,984	6,046	96,030
1902-1903	248	92,020	5,818	97,838
1903-1904	246	95,039	7,532	102,571

Though the total issues shew an increase, there has been a decrease in Fiction, bound volumes of Magazines, and Juvenile books. This is, however, not unsatisfactory, and is largely due to the efforts made by the Committee to encourage the reading of books of a more serious nature, by purchasing as far as their funds would allow, the best works in all departments of English literature.

The show case for the exhibition of recent purchases, other than the classes mentioned above, has doubtless contributed to this result.

The percentage of fiction read was 63 per cent. of the total issues, a return which compares favourably with the statistics of other public libraries throughout the country. Last year and the year before the percentage was 67.

In the department of Music which was inaugurated in February, 1896, and which now numbers 881 volumes, the returns for the past three years are as follows:—

Year.		Issues.
1901-1902	..	754
1902-1903	..	1,233
1903-1904	..	1,835

Borrowers. New tickets have been issued to 1,957 borrowers, about the same number as last year. The actual number of registered borrowers on the 31st of March, 1904, was 3,334, an increase of 184 as compared with the number on the corresponding date in 1903. Of these 2,782 are from Richmond, 341 from Kew, 72 from Petersham, and 139 from North Sheen. Tickets are available for two years only, after which they are cancelled and renewed on application.

Overdue Books, Fines &c. The amount of fines paid during the past year for the detention of books beyond the time allowed for home reading, produced £88 17s. 0d. the total for the previous year having been £79 16s. 11d., whilst 652 circulars were sent out for the return of overdue books. On payment of one penny, borrowers may secure the early use of a book in great demand. Last year 735 pennies were received for this purpose.

Additions to Stock. There have been added to the Library during the past twelve months 760 volumes, of which 430 have been placed in the Lending Library, 329 in the Reference Library, and 1 in the Branch Library at Petersham. This number, however, is reduced by the withdrawal of 26 worn out and useless books, leaving a total of 31,209, a net increase of 734 on the year, and a total increase of 22,285 since the publication of the first Annual Report in June, 1882.

The following table shews the additions to the various classes of literature:—

A.	Theology and Philosophy	15
B.	Biography and Correspondence	76
C.	History, Topography, Voyages, and Travels ..	85
D.	Law, Politics, and Social Economy	21
E.	Arts (including Music), Sciences, and Natural History	59
F.	Prose Fiction	62
G.	Poetry, Drama, and Classics	26
H.	Miscellaneous Literature	30
I.	Magazines and Reviews	44
J.	Juvenile Literature	10
K.	Foreign Literature	2
R.L.	Reference Library	329
	Petersham Library	1
		760

The amount spent by the Committee in the purchase of new books during the year is £144 4s. 8d.

Stock-taking. A noteworthy feature of the year's work is the fact that at the annual stock-taking in August last, after an issue of over 102,000 volumes, only two works were unaccounted for, and only one work, valued at 2/3, had been lost by default, *i.e.*, was in the hands of a reader who left the town and whose whereabouts it was impossible to trace. The books unaccounted for are:—

Müller, Max. Chips from a German Workshop, Vol. 2.
Alexander, J. Robin Hood.

Catalogues. The Supplementary Catalogue issued in December, 1902, continues to sell well. During the year 291 copies were bought, making a total of 735 since the date of publication. An edition of 1,500 copies was printed.

The Librarian during the past year has been busy preparing a new edition of the Lending Library Catalogue. Satisfactory progress is being made with the work. The whole of the books are being carefully examined with a view to withdrawing out-of-date and useless works, prior to the actual printing of the Catalogue.

News Room. As stated in previous Reports, the News Room and Reference Room are almost nightly inconveniently crowded. This in itself is strong evidence of the necessity for an extension of the present building as soon as the Committee are in a position to utilise the adjoining property already referred to in this Report.

Petersham Branch. This reading-room and delivery station for books from the Central Library, may be said to supply a want, for with a population of 589 only, 72 persons have tickets for home reading, 63 of whom make use of the room as a delivery station for the exchange of books. As borrowers living in Petersham have the privilege of applying either at the Central Library or at the Branch Library, as they may think fit, the 1,989 volumes issued at this Branch last year do not represent the whole use made of the Institution by the Petersham residents.

The returns for the past two years are as follows:—

Year.	Evenings open.	Volumes issued.	Average evening attendance.
1902-1903	308	2,076	8
1903-1904	306	1,989	9

The room is open each evening during the hours of 6 to 9.

The cost of maintenance last year amounted to £17 5s. 2d.

Sunday Opening. The average attendance on Sundays shews a decrease of 23 on last year's returns, and has now fallen to the lowest point reached since Sunday openings were first instituted.

The details of attendances and issues during that period are given below.

Year.	Sundays open.	Total Attendances.	Average per Sunday.	Men.	Women.	Juveniles.	Books consulted.
1894-95	26	2,912	112	73	12	27	225
1895-96	26	3,598	138	82	10	46	600
1896-97	25	3,412	136	77	9	50	371
1897-98	25	3,065	123	72	10	41	401
1898-99	25	3,147	126	73	11	42	327
1899-00	25	3,421	137	96	9	32	268
1900-01	26	2,665	103	72	10	21	219
1901-02	25	2,272	91	62	10	19	162
1902-03	26	2,734	105	76	10	19	107
1903-04	25	2,057	82	60	6	16	122

The Library is open for three hours, *i.e.*, from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. each Sunday, from October to March inclusive.

Donations. The Committee desire to express their grateful thanks to those Friends, Publishers, Newspaper Proprietors, and others, who have generously given donations of money, books, periodicals, etc. The aid thus rendered conduces materially to the continued success and prosperity of the Library.

Resignations. The Committee regret the loss of two valuable colleagues by the withdrawal of Mr. Marsh Ray and Mr. William Mason from the Town Council. They also regret that Mr. Clifford Edgar having accepted the Chairmanship of another Committee of the Council has had to vacate the Chair of this Committee in which position he has rendered valuable service since 1897, but they are glad that he will still continue to be a member. Mr. Councillor J. B. Hilditch has been appointed Chairman in his place.

Staff. In conclusion, the Committee have again the pleasure of testifying to the very satisfactory manner in which the Librarian and his staff discharge their important duties.

J. B. HILDITCH,
Chairman.

June 1st, 1904.

CLASSIFICATION AND NUMBER OF VOLUMES IN THE LIBRARY.

Showing the Increase during the year ended 31st March, 1904.

Class Letter.	Classification of Books in the Lending Library.	No. of Vols. 1902-1903.	No. of Vols. 1903-1904.
A	Theology and Philosophy	973	988
B	Biography and Correspondence	1814	1891
C	History, Topography, Voyages, and Travels	2429	2515
D	Law, Politics, Social Economy, &c	455	476
E	Arts, Sciences, and Natural History	2913	2971
F	Prose Fiction	4248	4309
G	Poetry, Drama, and Classics	1041	1066
H	Miscellaneous English Literature	898	928
I	Magazines and Reviews	1110	1154
J	Juvenile Literature	805	815
K	Foreign Literature	618	619
		17304	17732
	Petersham Library	481	482
		17785	18214
	Reference Library	**12690**	**12995**
	Total Volumes	**30475**	**31209**

Volumes lost or damaged, and replaced by Borrowers or Guarantors 12
Volumes transferred from Reference Library to Lending Library 3
Volume transferred from Lending Library to Reference Library 1
Volume withdrawn, being worn out, useless, or duplicate, (4 from Lending Library, and 22 from Reference Library) 26
Volume lost by default (Lending Library) 1

Table showing Total Issues for the twenty-two years and nine months that the Library has been opened.

Year.	Theology and Philosophy.	Biography and Correspondence.	History, Travels, &c.	Law, Politics, &c.	Arts and Sciences.	Fiction.	Poetry, Drama, and Classics.	Miscellaneous Literature.	Magazines and Reviews.	Juvenile Literature	Foreign Literature.	Periodicals (Unbound Numbers).	Total Volumes.
1881-82 (9 months only)	1375	2414	5835	281	3523	42535	1351	1729	3245	4656	..	779	67723
1882-83	1356	2190	4960	298	3600	57726	1364	1399	5414	5639	..	1958	85904
1883-84	1104	2332	5206	323	3438	58543	1504	1570	5134	5194	..	2623	86971
1884-85	1143	2136	5120	328	3169	58272	1292	1366	5085	5321	..	2906	86138
1885-86	1416	2474	6291	449	3667	60922	1364	1851	5981	6147	..	4371	94933
1886-87	1394	2647	6141	349	4261	60054	1581	1909	5774	6340	..	3511	93961
1887-88	1331	2818	6569	537	3996	69465	1739	1789	7599	6521	..	3005	105369
1888-89	1366	3078	7453	510	3567	69999	1402	1964	7867	6659	..	3100	106965
1889-90	1185	3370	7561	456	3420	68237	1492	2301	6996	6234	1134	3601	105987
1890-91	1084	3189	5083	403	3267	63408	1559	1741	6659	5574	1324	3782	97073
1891-92	1045	2506	4935	430	3060	62239	1388	1480	5729	3873	1148	3556	91389
1892-93	1146	2690	6035	411	3637	60213	1680	2080	5215	4512	1377	3425	92421
1893-94	1335	3072	5925	531	4300	66622	1775	1934	5053	4741	1318	3592	100198
1894-95 (12 mths & 4 days)	1289	2965	6565	437	4608	71227	1967	1972	5832	5730	1382	3769	107743
1895-96	1423	3113	5018	563	4531	68120	1645	1686	7657	5430	1807	4406	105399
1896-97	1334	2753	5128	576	4894	67203	1763	2278	6760	5126	1645	4686	104146
1897-98	1432	2893	5096	566	5263	64036	1682	2534	5125	4892	1444	4401	99364
1898-99	1243	3361	5529	652	5197	66615	1796	2482	4986	4636	1598	3794	101889
1899-00	945	2795	4979	436	4523	66370	1670	2113	5035	4491	1291	3526	98174
1900-01	1073	2979	5351	471	5124	66924	1748	2048	4756	4908	1244	3427	100053
1901-02	1248	2810	4906	548	5181	65113	1559	1757	3303	4881	1243	3481	96030
1902 03	1418	3137	5317	571	6482	65561	1637	1852	2660	4612	1324	3267	97838
1903-04	1487	4541	6357	1014	8047	64867	2064	2496	2657	4191	1394	3456	102571
TOTALS	29172	66263	131360	11140	100755	1464271	37022	44331	124522	120308	20673	78422	2228239

Total Number of Volumes borrowed from the Lending Library 2,046,227
Total Number of Volumes consulted in the Reference Library 182,012

2,228,239

Table of Issues in the Lending Library. 1903-1904.

Month.	No. of days open.	Theology and Philosophy.	Biography and Correspondence.	History, Travels, &c.	Law, Politics, &c.	Arts and Sciences.	Fiction.	Poetry, Drama, and Classics.	Miscellaneous Literature.	Magazines and Reviews.	Juvenile Literature.	Foreign Literature.	Total Volumes.	Total Borrowers.
April	18	128	326	349	40	484	5211	95	98	200	378	75	7384	7236
May.....	22	107	334	423	51	522	5768	129	133	196	397	95	8155	7991
June	21	102	279	373	44	423	5344	121	136	165	364	103	7454	7287
July.....	22	78	247	310	34	359	4539	72	92	131	297	92	6251	6114
August ..	11	50	141	154	24	195	2394	23	48	51	150	48	3278	3200
September	22	97	318	371	39	520	5369	128	94	128	334	106	7504	7286
October ..	22	139	399	464	63	571	6203	126	164	193	384	98	8804	8589
November	21	112	371	433	86	635	5746	138	152	246	386	84	8389	8183
December	21	98	327	412	56	565	5376	120	145	266	369	107	7841	7645
January ..	22	118	353	467	55	644	6083	137	141	355	428	143	8924	8705
February	21	105	323	502	46	581	6270	160	152	298	312	119	8868	8663
March....	23	111	373	525	50	577	6564	146	139	329	392	177	9383	9161
Totals	246	1245	3791	4783	588	6076	64867	1395	1494	2558	4191	1247	92235[a]	90060

Periodicals issued for Home Reading 2804

a This includes 1989 Volumes issued from the Petersham Branch.

Table of Issues in the Reference Library, 1903-1904.

Month.	No. of days open.	Theology and Philosophy.	Biography and Correspondence.	History, Travels, &c.	Law, Politics, &c.	Arts and Sciences.	Poetry, Drama, and Classics.	Miscellaneous Literature.	Magazines and Reviews.	Foreign Literature.	Total Volumes.	Total Readers.
April	18	30	38	123	27	144	35	36	3	4	440	271
May	22	8	64	102	20	133	31	55	2	17	432	266
June	21	5	40	93	16	114	59	80	7	6	420	256
July	22	30	40	114	24	126	38	38	0	5	415	275
August	11	29	68	146	17	112	31	55	4	1	463	275
September	22	9	54	96	45	276	73	105	4	0	662	368
October	22	15	72	203	36	192	113	167	30	2	830	435
November	21	45	91	197	56	231	86	185	29	25	945	501
December	21	17	50	139	78	163	76	72	4	35	634	334
January	22	28	40	121	24	146	30	43	5	10	447	280
February	21	13	48	100	41	159	35	49	3	0	448	238
March	22	11	144	106	32	159	62	101	2	5	622	323
Totals	246	240	749	1540	416	1955	669	986	93	110	6758*	3822

File Volumes of Newspapers and Periodicals consulted 652

*To this must be added the Sunday Issues as follows: 25 Sundays, 122 Volumes to 105 Readers. Daily average, 5.

Total Issues in Lending and Reference Libraries, 1903-1904.

Month.	No. of days open.	Theology and Philosophy.	Biography and Correspondence.	History, Travels, &c.	Law, Politics, &c.	Arts and Sciences.	Fiction.	Poetry, Drama, and Classics.	Miscellaneous Literature.	Magazines and Reviews.	Juvenile Literature.	Foreign Literature.	Total Volumes.	Total Borrowers and Readers.	Daily Average of Issues.
April	18	158	364	472	67	628	5211	130	134	203	378	79	7824	7507	435
May	22	115	398	525	71	655	5768	160	188	198	397	112	8587	8257	390
June	21	107	319	466	60	537	5344	180	216	172	364	109	7874	7543	375
July	22	108	287	424	58	485	4539	110	130	131	297	97	6666	6389	303
August ..	11	79	209	300	41	307	2394	54	103	55	150	49	3741	3475	340
September	22	106	372	467	84	796	5369	201	199	132	334	106	8166	7654	371
October ..	22	154	471	667	99	763	6203	239	331	223	384	100	9634	9024	438
November	21	157	462	630	142	866	5746	224	337	275	386	109	9334	8684	444
December	21	115	377	551	134	728	5376	196	217	270	369	142	8475	7979	404
January ..	22	146	393	588	79	790	6083	167	184	360	428	153	9371	8985	426
February	21	118	371	602	87	740	6270	195	201	301	312	119	9316	8901	444
March....	23	122	517	631	82	736	6564	208	240	331	392	182	10005	9484	435
Totals	246	1485	4540	6323	1004	8031	64867	2064	2480	2651	4191	1357	98993	93882	402

Number of Volumes issued (Week Days).....	98,993
,, ,, (Sundays).....	122
Unbound Numbers of Periodicals and File Volumes of Newspapers consulted.....	3,456
	102,571

Daily Average (Week Days).....	417
Daily Average (25 Sundays)	5
Population in 1903	32,808
Proportionate issue to each inhabitant	3·12

CLASSIFICATION OF BORROWERS

To whom Tickets have been issued during the year 1903-04.

AGES.

Under 15	57
15 to 20	307
21 to 30	428
31 to 40	254
41 to 50	167
Above 50	199
Not stated	545
	1,957

RATEPAYERS & NON-RATEPAYERS.

Ratepayers	525
Non-Ratepayers	1,432
	1,957

SEXES.

Males	920
Females	1,037
	1,957

TOTAL NUMBER OF BORROWERS

Since the Opening of the Library in 1881.

Borrowers joined Lending Library –	1881-82	3,180
,, ,, ,, ,,	1882-83	1,228
,, ,, ,, ,,	1883-84	2,060
,, ,, ,, ,,	1884-85	1,432
,, ,, ,, ,,	1885-86	1,907
,, ,, ,, ,,	1886-87	1,469
,, ,, ,, ,,	1887-88	1,926
,, ,, ,, ,,	1888-89	1,516
,, ,, ,, ,,	1889-90	1,772
,, ,, ,, ,,	1890-91	1,719
,, ,, ,, ,,	1891-92	1,490
,, ,, ,, ,,	1892-93	1,936
,, ,, ,, ,,	1893-94	1,728
,, ,, ,, ,,	1894-95	1,898
,, ,, ,, ,,	1895-96	1,948
,, ,, ,, ,,	1896-97	1,866
,, ,, ,, ,,	1897-98	1,926
,, ,, ,, ,,	1898-99	1,895
,, ,, ,, ,,	1899-1900	1,809
,, ,, ,, ,,	1900-01	1,992
,, ,, ,, ,,	1901-02	1,747
,, ,, ,, ,,	1902-03	1,962
,, ,, ,, ,,	1903-04	1,957
		42,363
Total cancelled		39,029
Actual number of Tickets in use 31st March, 1904		3,334*

*Of these 2,782 are from Richmond, 341 from Kew, 72 from Petersham, and 139 from North Sheen.

Tickets are only available for two years, after which they must be renewed.

DONORS OF BOOKS, &c.

	VOLS.
Accountants, Incorporated	1
Anderson, Mr. J. E., East Sheen, 4 pamphlets	
Anonymously presented, 6 vols. and 1 pamphlet	
Australia, Western, Agent-General for, 3 vols. and 2 pamphlets	
Bailey, Sir W. H., 1 pamphlet	
Baxter, Mr. D., 1 pamphlet	
Boulter, Mr. H. B., Richmond, Set of corrections to Dictionary of National Biography	
Brereton, Mr. C. A., 2 drawings (Old and New Kew Bridge)	
British Museum, Trustees of the, 15 vols. of Publications, and 7 parts of printed General Catalogue (in continuation)	
British South Africa Co., 1 pamphlet	
Browne, Messrs. T. B., Ltd.	1
Buddhist Society, Burma, 6 pamphlets	
Canada, Commissioner of Emigration for, 1 map	
Canada, Department of the Interior, 5 maps	
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For the Year ended 31st March, 1904.

Dr. **REVENUE**

Income.

To	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Surplus at 31st March, 1903, as per last Report ..				261	6	4
Free Public Library Rate				1,154	0	10
CENTRAL LIBRARY.						
Library Receipts.						
Fines	88	17	10			
Damaged and Lost Books ..	2	10	9			
Sale of Catalogues	8	3	9			
Sale of Periodicals	5	16	9			
Sale of Waste Paper	1	14	1			
Bespoke Book Fees	3	1	3			
				110	4	5
Donations towards Library Funds				2	4	5
				112	8	10
Carried forward				£1,527	16	0

Year ended 31st March, 1904.

ACCOUNT.

Cr.

Expenditure.

CENTRAL LIBRARY.

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Salaries and Wages:		
Librarian	210 0 0	
Assistants	223 0 0	
Porter	77 2 6	
		510 2 6
Books, Papers, &c.:		
Books, &c (New) 120 16 1		
Books (Replacements) 0 12 6		
Local Views, Books, &c. .. 18 2 1		
	139 10 8	
Subscriptions to—		
Surrey Archæological Society 0 10 0		
Harleian Society 2 2 0		
Surrey Parish Register Society 2 2 0		
	4 14 0	
Binding 60 12 8		
Magazines 66 8 5		
Newspapers 27 3 7		
	154 4 8	
		298 9 4
Printing and Stationery:		
Printing	13 17 4	
Stationery	17 6 4	
Advertisements	1 0 0	
		32 3 8
Fuel, Light, and Cleaning:		
Coal, Coke, and Wood..	16 1 7	
Gas	59 7 4	
Electricity	5 8 11	
Cleaning Materials, &c.	10 7 4	
Wages of Cleaner	18 9 3	
		109 14 5
Furniture and Fittings:		
Cupboard	3 10 0	
Library Fittings	1 12 5	
Rebuilding Arches	70 10 5	
Repairs	24 12 5	
		100 5 3
Miscellaneous:		
Insurance of Buildings, Books, Pictures, &c. ..	13 18 4	
Gardening	3 5 5	
Postages, Carriage of Parcels, &c	13 9 1	
Inhabited House Duty..	1 5 0	
Store Room: Rent	20 0 0	
Income Tax: Schedule A	1 18 2	
Uniform	0 17 0	
Deposit on completion of agreement for the sale of The Cottage, Little Green	165 0 0	
		219 13 0
Carried forward		£1,270 8 2

REVENUE

Income

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Brought forward		1,527 16 0
To		
PETERSHAM BRANCH.		
Library Receipts:		
Fines..	0 6 3	
Sale of Periodicals	0 1 7	
		0 7 10
		£1,528 3 10

BALANCE

31st

Dr. **Liabilities**

To	£ s d.	£ s. d.
Sundry Creditors		222 8 11
Balance being excess of Assets:		
Books, &c , purchased out of Revenue.. ..	6,464 6 7	
Surplus on Revenue Account..	240 9 0	
		6,704 15 7
		£6,927 4 6

ACCOUNT.—*Continued.*

Expenditure.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Brought forward				1,270	8	2
By						
PETERSHAM BRANCH.						
Rent, &c., of Reading Room	12	12	0			
Newspapers and Magazines	4	13	2			
Insurance of Books, &c.	0	1	6			
				17	6	8
				1,287	14	10
Balance, Surplus at 31st March, 1904				240	9	0
				£1,528	3	10

SHEET.

March, 1904.

Assets. Cr.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
By						
Books, Maps, Pictures, &c.				6,464	6	7
Cash Balances:						
Treasurer	417	17	11			
Librarian:						
Imprest	45	0	0			
				462	17	11
				£6,927	4	6

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1904-1905.

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Twenty-fourth Annual Report

OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE

Richmond Public Library.

GENTLEMEN,

The statistical tables included in this report show that the usefulness and popular appreciation of the Library are well maintained.

During the year another important step has been taken with reference to the acquisition of the freehold property adjoining the Library, and it is hoped that the proposed alterations will be completed before the winter season commences.

At a meeting of the Town Council on April 11th, 1905, the following report of the Library Committee on the subject was adopted :—

Purchase of Dr. Maynard Owen's Property (The Cottage) adjoining the Library Building.

On July 7th, 1903, the Council approved the purchase of the freehold property known as "The Cottage," adjoining the Free Public Library, for £3,300 and sealed an Agreement accordingly, the Library Committee intimating that they were prepared to bear the annual cost of the necessary loan out of the ordinary Library income.

The Agreement stipulated that the completion of the purchase and payment of the purchase money should take place at a future date, not later than December 24th, 1907, with option to the owner by notice to require completion on any day after Christmas, 1905.

Early this year the Committee were approached by Dr. Owen with a view to their taking possession of the property at Midsummer, 1905, *i.e.*, six months earlier than provided for in the Agreement.

The Committee approved of the suggested alteration, and informed Dr. Owen that they were prepared to recommend the Town Council to consent, subject to his giving three months' previous notice in writing.

The Committee have received the formal notice and they therefore recommend the Council to approve the completion of the purchase of Dr. Owen's property at Midsummer, 1905, and to seal an endorsement on the Agreement to this effect.

The Committee further recommend the Council to apply to the Local Government Board for sanction to the borrowing of £3,350 to defray the cost of the purchase of the property referred to, law costs and stamp duty.

2. Library Extension.

The Committee have considered the best means of utilising the property for Library purposes with the funds at their disposal without incurring any additional loans.

With the assistance of the Borough Surveyor, a scheme has been drawn up and approved by the Committee.

It is proposed to take certain rooms in the adjoining house so to be acquired, for Library purposes and to build out an addition to a room on the ground floor so as to obtain an independent Reference Library.

It is also proposed, at present, to give the Librarian house accommodation in the remaining portion of "The Cottage," and to use his present rooms for official purposes.

This arrangement will enable the Committee to save the £20 a year they are now paying for the use of a store room in the Quadrant Road. It will afford the much needed immediate book accommodation and will provide space for some 24,000 additional volumes.

Further, it will relieve very considerably the general congested condition of the Library, and will enable the Committee to carry out the following improvements and additions, which will contribute materially to the comfort and convenience of the public and staff generally.

1. A new Reference Library, about 45-ft. by 18-ft. with seating accommodation for some 40 readers and book space for some 2,500 or 3,000 volumes. This room will be set apart for quiet reading and study, away from the noise and bustle of the News Room and Lending Library issue counter. It will also afford a considerable extent of wall space for the exhibition of local maps, pictures and portraits.
2. Increased News Room accommodation.
3. Increased counter accommodation for new indicators and large folio volumes.
4. A workroom for the staff, for packing, unpacking, repairing, lettering, and other work of a noisy nature, which at the present time has to be carried out practically in the News Room.
5. A cloak room for the staff, which can be used as a mess room. At present no accommodation of this kind is, or can be, provided.
6. A Committee room.
7. An office for the Librarian where he can transact his business without being overheard by the public in the News Room.

Issues. A decrease of 6,404 is shown in the total issues as compared with last year's figures, but the decrease is apparent only, and is explained by the fact that the issue of books was suspended for 15 days more than usual to allow of the Library being cleaned, painted, and re-decorated. But for this the returns would have been about the same as those of last year. The following statement gives the issues for the past three years :—

Year.	Days open.	Issues L. L.	Issues R. L.	Total both depts.	Daily Average.
1902-3	248	92,020	5,818	97,838	395
1903-4	246	95,039	7,532	102,571	417
1904-5	231	89,047	7,120	96,167	416

It is interesting to note that for the past four years the percentage of issues of works of fiction has shewn a gradual decrease, accompanied by a proportionate increase in the issues of the more serious or instructive classes of literature.

The decreasing proportions of the issues of fiction are tabulated below :—

On the Lending Library and Reference Library totals combined

1901-2	67 per cent.
1902-3	67 per cent.
1903-4	63 per cent,
1904-5	62 per cent

On the Lending Library total only.

1901-2	74 per cent.
1902-3	73 per cent.
1903-4	70 per cent.
1904-5	69 per cent.

Borrowers. New tickets have been issued to 1,950 readers, and the number of borrowers from the Lending Library is now 3,366, an increase of 32 as compared with the previous year. Of these 2,835 are from the parish of Richmond, 314 from Kew, 67 from Petersham, and 150 from North Sheen.

Overdue Books, Fines, &c. The fines paid during the past year for the detention of books beyond the time allowed for home reading produced £87 5s. 7d. The total amount for the previous year realised £88 17s. 10d. Circulars to the number of 531 were sent out for the return of overdue books, or 121 less than last year.

Additions to Stock. There have been added to the Library during the past twelve months 933 volumes, of which 446 have been placed in the Lending Library, 486 in the Reference Library, and 1 in the Branch Library at Petersham.

This number, however, is reduced by the withdrawal of 76 worn out and useless books, leaving a total of 32,066, a net increase of 857 on the year, and a total increase of 23,142 since the publication of the first Annual Report in June 1882.

The following table shows the additions to the various classes of literature :—

Class.		
A.	Theology and Philosophy	5
B.	Biography and Correspondence	77
C.	History, Topography, Voyages, and Travels ..	62
D.	Law, Politics, and Social Economy	18
E.	Arts (including Music), Sciences, and Natural History	71
F.	Prose Fiction	141
G.	Poetry, Drama, and Classics	12
H.	Miscellaneous Literature	13
I.	Magazines and Reviews	34
J.	Juvenile Literature	6
K.	Foreign Literature..	8
R.L.	Reference Library	486
		933

Of the books purchased during the year 18 per cent. are works of fiction, bought at a cost of £17 2s. 4d., as compared with £114 1s. 11d. spent on more serious books.

As in former years the Committee have purchased for the Lending Library the works recommended by the lecturers responsible for the local University Extension Lectures, and lists of these works have been posted up in the Library.

Stock-taking. As a result of the Annual Stock-taking in June last, it was found that two works, valued at 3s. 3d. :—

Havet's French Studies, and Lytton's Eugene Aram,

were in the hands of individuals who had left the town and whose whereabouts it had not been possible to trace, whilst a small Atlas, valued at 5s., had been stolen from the open reference case. With these exceptions all the books were accounted for. These facts speak well for the efficient administration of the Library and the estimation in which the Institution is held by the borrowers.

One of the two books reported missing last year has since been found.

News Room. The news room is frequented as much as ever and is the most used of all the departments, the tables and stands being often inconveniently crowded. This room, with the portion set apart as a Reference Room, is provided with 23 daily, 136 weekly, 2 fortnightly, 103 monthly, and 19 quarterly papers and periodicals.

Of these, 164 are presented, and the remaining 119 are purchased by the Committee.

There is also a cabinet of 106 reference books to which readers have unrestricted access.

The Librarian reports most favourably upon the general conduct observed in the Library, both as regards the order kept by the visitors and the care of the readers for the books, papers, and other property.

Eight years having elapsed since the Library was painted and decorated, the Committee in June last closed the Library for two weeks, and suspended the issue of books for a month, in order that this much needed work might be done. Tenders were invited, and the total cost amounted to £85 8s. 8d. The opportunity was taken to carry out the annual stocktaking instead of during the usual fortnight in August.

Binding. The brisk circulation of books in the Lending Library necessarily involves considerable wear and tear in this department, as evinced by the fact that during the past year 1,005 volumes were bound or re-sewn, whilst about 1,500 volumes were repaired by members of the staff.

The quality of the work executed is well up to the usual standard.

The binding account amounted to £75 6s. 9d. or £14 14s. 1d. more than last year.

Petersham Branch. The room at Petersham, which is open from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., shows an average attendance of 8 as compared with 9 last year.

The number of volumes issued has decreased from 1,989 to to 1,763. The latter, however, does not indicate the whole use made of the Library by the Petersham borrowers, for there are several who from time to time avail themselves of the privilege of applying either at the Central or at the Branch as they may deter-

mine. Of the 67 persons living in Petersham who have tickets for home reading, 57 make use of the room as a delivery station for the exchange of books. The population of Petersham is 589.

Sunday Opening. The average attendance on Sundays shows a slight increase of 9 on last year's returns.

The number of books consulted shows a decrease of 37.

The details of attendances and issues since Sunday opening was first established 11 years ago are given below :—

Year.	Sundays Open.	Total Attendances.	Average per Sunday.	Men.	Women.	Juveniles.	Books consulted.
1894-95	26	2,912	112	73	12	27	225
1895-96	26	3,598	138	82	10	46	600
1896-97	25	3,412	136	77	9	50	371
1897-98	25	3,065	123	72	10	41	401
1898-99	25	3,147	126	73	11	42	327
1899-00	25	3,421	137	96	9	32	268
1900-01	26	2,665	103	72	10	21	219
1901-02	25	2,272	91	62	10	19	162
1902-03	26	2,734	105	76	10	19	167
1903-04	25	2,057	82	60	6	16	122
1904-05	25	2,286	91	69	9	13	85

The Library is open for three hours, *i.e.*, from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. each Sunday, from October to March inclusive.

Donations. A list of those who have presented books, papers, and periodicals, &c., to the Library will be found on pages 15-18 of this report, but special mention is made of the Earl of Dysart's gift of a copy of the interesting and valuable work by Mrs. Roundell, entitled "Ham House: its history and art treasures."

The Committee take this opportunity of thanking the various donors for the substantial aid thus rendered, and at the same time would gratefully acknowledge the courteous and valuable support given them by the newspaper proprietors in the town, who not only supply regularly several copies of their journals free, but also from time to time insert in their columns lists of "Recent Additions" to the Library.

Staff. The Committee record with much pleasure their appreciation of the manner in which the Librarian and the Members of the Staff have carried out their respective duties.

Signed on behalf of the Committee,

June 7th, 1905. J. B. HILDITCH,
Chairman.

CLASSIFICATION AND NUMBER OF VOLUMES IN THE LIBRARY.

Showing the Increase during the year ended 31st March, 1905.

Class Letter.	Classification of Books in the Lending Library.	No. of Vols. 1903-1904.	No. of Vols. 1904-1905.
A	Theology and Philosophy	988	993
B	Biography and Correspondence	1891	1968
C	History, Topography, Voyages, and Travels	2515	2574
D	Law, Politics, Social Economy, &c	476	492
E	Arts, Sciences, and Natural History	2971	3041
F	Prose Fiction	4309	4449
G	Poetry, Drama, and Classics	1066	1078
H	Miscellaneous English Literature	928	941
I	Magazines and Reviews	1154	1188
J	Juvenile Literature	815	821
K	Foreign Literature	619	627
		17732	18172
	Petersham Library	482	483
		18214	18655
	Reference Library	**12995**	**13411**
	Total Volumes	**31209**	**32066**

Volumes lost or damaged, and replaced by Borrowers 15

Volume transferred from Lending Library to Reference Library 1

Volumes withdrawn, being worn out, useless, or duplicate, (5 from Lending Library, and 71 from Reference Library) 76

Volumes lost by default (Lending Library) 2

Table showing Total Issues for the twenty-three years and nine months that the Library has been opened.

Year.	Theology and Philosophy.	Biography and Correspondence.	History, Travels, &c.	Law, Politics, &c.	Arts and Sciences.	Fiction.	Poetry, Drama, and Classics.	Miscellaneous Literature.	Magazines and Reviews.	Juvenile Literature.	Foreign Literature.	Periodicals (Unbound Numbers).	Total Volumes.
1881-82 (9 months only)	1375	2414	5835	281	3523	42535	1351	1729	3245	4656	..	779	67723
1882-83	1356	2190	4960	298	3600	57726	1364	1399	5414	5639	..	1958	85904
1883-84	1104	2332	5206	323	3438	58543	1504	1570	5134	5194	..	2623	86971
1884-85	1143	2136	5120	328	3169	58272	1292	1366	5085	5321	..	2906	86138
1885-86	1416	2474	6291	449	3667	60922	1364	1851	5981	6147	..	4371	94933
1886-87	1394	2647	6141	349	4261	60054	1581	1909	5774	6340	..	3511	93961
1887-88	1331	2818	6569	537	3996	69465	1739	1789	7599	6521	..	3005	105369
1888-89	1366	3078	7453	510	3567	69999	1402	1964	7867	6659	..	3100	106965
1889-90	1185	3370	7561	456	3420	68237	1492	2301	6996	6234	1134	3601	105987
1890-91	1084	3189	5083	403	3267	63408	1559	1741	6659	5574	1324	3782	97073
1891-92	1045	2506	4935	430	3060	62239	1388	1480	5729	3873	1148	3556	91389
1892-93	1146	2690	6035	411	3637	60213	1680	2080	5215	4512	1377	3425	92421
1893-94	1335	3072	5925	531	4300	66622	1775	1934	5053	4741	1318	3592	100198
1894-95 (12 mths & 4 days)	1289	2965	6565	437	4608	71227	1967	1972	5832	5730	1382	3769	107743
1895-96	1423	3113	5018	563	4531	68120	1645	1686	7657	5430	1807	4406	105399
1896-97	1334	2753	5128	576	4894	67203	1763	2278	6760	5126	1645	4686	104146
1897-98	1432	2893	5096	566	5263	64036	1682	2534	5125	4892	1444	4401	99364
1898-99	1243	3361	5529	652	5197	66615	1796	2482	4986	4636	1598	3794	101889
1899-00	945	2795	4979	436	4523	66370	1670	2113	5035	4491	1291	3526	98174
1900-01	1073	2979	5351	471	5124	66924	1748	2048	4756	4908	1244	3427	100053
1901-02	1248	2810	4906	548	5181	65113	1559	1757	3303	4881	1243	3481	96030
1902 03	1418	3137	5317	571	6482	65561	1637	1852	2660	4612	1324	3267	97838
1903-04	1487	4541	6357	1014	8047	64867	2064	2496	2657	4191	1394	3456	102571
1904-05	1505	3977	6060	898	7412	59928	2007	2419	2664	4368	1308	3621	96167
TOTALS	30677	70240	137420	12038	108167	1524199	39029	46750	127186	124676	21981	82043	2324406

Total Number of Volumes borrowed from the Lending Library 2,135,274
Total Number of Volumes consulted in the Reference Library 189,132

2,324,406

Table of Issues in the Lending Library, 1904-1905.

Month.	No. of days open.	Theology and Philosophy.	Biography and Correspondence.	History, Travels, &c.	Law, Politics, &c.	Arts and Sciences.	Fiction.	Poetry, Drama, and Classics.	Miscellaneous Literature.	Magazines and Reviews.	Juvenile Literature.	Foreign Literature.	Total Volumes.	Total Borrowers.
April	19	96	284	455	38	520	5432	148	98	271	424	120	7886	7675
May.....	21	70	268	354	40	421	4541	114	100	261	314	92	6575	6416
June	—	—	—	—	—	—	Library	Closed	—	—	—	—	—	—
July..	20	76	237	298	46	335	3893	89	114	116	227	104	5535	5375
August ..	22	96	252	331	48	426	4821	91	97	200	375	102	6839	6679
September	21	80	280	426	44	547	5513	98	104	194	384	122	7792	7615
October ..	22	124	333	476	66	682	6087	131	125	250	399	135	8808	8587
November	22	144	351	429	49	616	6005	121	145	294	441	110	8705	8475
December	20	104	269	391	42	540	5512	145	134	254	427	85	7903	7731
January ..	22	99	312	480	57	539	5959	159	121	216	481	97	8520	8297
February	20	112	317	474	55	574	5833	178	120	189	432	151	8435	8246
March....	22	131	348	457	58	554	6332	168	130	230	464	143	9015	8799
Totals	231	1132	3251	4571	543	5754	59928	1442	1288	2475	4368	1261	86013*a*	83895

Periodicals issued for Home Reading 3034

This includes 1763 Volumes issued from the Petersham Branch.

Table of Issues in the Reference Library, 1904-1905.

Month.	No. of days open.	Theology and Philosophy.	Biography and Correspondence.	History, Travels, &c.	Law, Politics, &c.	Arts and Sciences.	Poetry, Drama, and Classics.	Miscellaneous Literature.	Magazines and Reviews.	Foreign Literature.	Total Volumes.	Total Readers.
April	19	32	83	195	33	164	49	88	17	4	665	367
May...	21	10	64	101	11	111	60	86	11	0	454	273
June..	—	—	—	—	—	Library	Closed	—	—	—	—	—
July	20	15	48	109	59	150	59	101	6	4	551	308
August	22	28	62	139	16	121	51	59	24	1	501	303
September	21	17	34	77	17	138	30	55	5	1	374	260
October	22	25	27	90	42	120	32	79	8	6	429	299
November	22	23	58	122	24	156	55	132	9	2	581	352
December	20	29	107	176	30	159	71	133	21	6	732	385
January	22	65	81	123	28	206	49	181	46	1	780	424
February	20	56	81	157	54	157	34	91	37	14	681	454
March.....	22	56	75	177	38	149	73	119	5	8	700	426
Totals.....	231	356	720	1466	352	1631	563	1124	189	47	6448*	3851

File Volumes of Newspapers and Periodicals consulted 587

*To this must be added the Sunday Issues as follows: 25 Sundays, 85 Volumes to 51 Readers. Daily average, 3.

Total Issues in Lending and Reference Libraries, 1904-1905.

Month.	No. of days open.	Theology and Philosophy.	Biography and Correspondence.	History, Travels, &c.	Law, Politics, &c.	Arts and Sciences.	Fiction.	Poetry, Drama, and Classics.	Miscellaneous Literature.	Magazines and Reviews.	Juvenile Literature.	Foreign Literature.	Total Volumes.	Total Borrowers and Readers.	Daily Average of Issues.
April	19	128	367	650	71	684	5432	197	186	288	424	124	8551	8042	450
May	21	80	332	455	51	532	4541	174	186	272	314	92	7029	6689	335
June	—	—	—	—	—	—	Library	Closed.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
July	20	91	285	407	105	485	3893	148	215	122	227	108	6086	5683	304
August ..	22	124	314	470	64	547	4821	142	156	224	375	103	7340	6982	334
September	21	97	314	503	61	685	5513	128	159	199	384	123	8166	7875	389
October ..	22	149	360	566	108	802	6087	163	204	258	399	141	9237	8886	420
November	22	167	409	551	73	772	6005	176	277	303	441	112	9286	8827	422
December	20	133	376	567	72	699	5512	216	267	275	427	91	8635	8116	432
January ..	22	164	393	603	85	745	5959	208	302	262	481	98	9300	8721	423
February	20	168	398	631	109	731	5833	212	211	226	432	165	9116	8700	456
March....	22	187	423	634	96	703	6332	241	249	235	464	151	9715	9225	442
Totals	231	1488	3971	6037	895	7385	59928	2005	2412	2664	4368	1308	92461	87746	400

Number of Volumes issued (Week Days).....	92,461
" " (Sundays).....	85
Unbound Numbers of Periodicals and File Volumes of Newspapers consulted.....	3,621
	96,167

Daily Average (Week Days).....	416
Daily Average (25 Sundays)	3
Population in 1904	33,200
Proportionate issue to each inhabitant	2.89

CLASSIFICATION OF BORROWERS

To whom Tickets have been issued during the year 1904-05.

Ages.	
Under 15	42
15 to 20	305
21 to 30	414
31 to 40	228
41 to 50	147
Above 50	197
Not stated	617
	1,950

Ratepayers & Non-Ratepayers.	
Ratepayers	511
Non-Ratepayers	1,439
	1,950

Sexes.	
Males	850
Females	1,100
	1,950

TOTAL NUMBER OF BORROWERS

Since the Opening of the Library in 1881.

Borrowers joined Lending Library—1881-82	3,180
,, ,, ,, ,, 1882-83	1,228
,, ,, ,, ,, 1883-84	2,060
,, ,, ,, ,, 1884-85	1,432
,, ,, ,, ,, 1885-86	1,907
,, ,, ,, ,, 1886-87	1,469
,, ,, ,, ,, 1887-88	1,926
,, ,, ,, ,, 1888-89	1,516
,, ,, ,, ,, 1889-90	1,772
,, ,, ,, ,, 1890-91	1,719
,, ,, ,, ,, 1891-92	1,490
,, ,, ,, ,, 1892-93	1,936
,, ,, ,, ,, 1893-94	1,728
,, ,, ,, ,, 1894-95	1,898
,, ,, ,, ,, 1895-96	1,948
,, ,, ,, ,, 1896-97	1,866
,, ,, ,, ,, 1897-98	1,926
,, ,, ,, ,, 1898-99	1,895
,, ,, ,, ,, 1899-1900	1,809
,, ,, ,, ,, 1900-01	1,992
,, ,, ,, ,, 1901-02	1,747
,, ,, ,, ,, 1902-03	1,962
,, ,, ,, ,, 1903-04	1,957
,, ,, ,, ,, 1904-05	1,950
	44,313
Total cancelled	40,947
Actual number of Tickets in use 31st March, 1905	3,366*

*Of these 2,835 are from Richmond, 314 from Kew, 67 from Petersham, and 150 from North Sheen.

Tickets are only available for two years, after which they must be renewed.

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Century Magazine
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*London University Gazette
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†Nature Notes
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†Our Own Gazette
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†Plumber and Decorator
*Protestant Woman
Quiver
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*Richmond Parish Magazine
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Rochester Diocese
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†North London
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*Great Central
*Great Eastern
*Great Western
*London and North-Western
*London and South-Western
*London, Brighton, and South Coast
*Metropolitan
*South Eastern and Chatham

Financial Statement

For the Year ended 31st March, 1905.

Dr. **REVENUE**

Income.

To				£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Surplus at 31st March, 1904, as per last Report ..							240	9	0
Free Public Library Rate							1,205	14	8
CENTRAL LIBRARY.									
Library Receipts.									
Fines	87	5	7						
Damaged and Lost Books ..	2	17	10						
Sale of Catalogues	4	18	9						
Sale of Periodicals	5	3	1						
Sale of Waste Paper	3	0	0						
Bespoke Book Fees	3	0	1						
				106	5	4			
Donations towards Library Funds					19	1			
							107	4	5
Carried forward							£1,553	8	1

Year ended 31st March, 1905.

ACCOUNT.

Cr.

Expenditure.

By

CENTRAL LIBRARY.

		£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Salaries and Wages:			
Librarian		220 0 0	
Assistants		227 19 0	
Porter		78 2 0	
			526 1 0
Books, Papers, &c.:			
Books, &c. (New)	99 8 9		
Books (Replacements)	10 1 2		
Local Views, Books, &c. ..	16 13 10		
		126 3 9	
Subscriptions to—			
Surrey Archæological Society	0 10 0		
Harleian Society	2 2 0		
Library Association	2 2 0		
Library World	0 6 6		
		5 0 6	
Binding	75 6 9		
Magazines	67 6 1		
Newspapers	24 9 6		
		167 2 4	
			298 6 7
Printing and Stationery			
Printing		13 15 2	
Stationery		14 15 5	
			28 10 7
Fuel, Light, and Cleaning:			
Coal, Coke, and Wood		15 13 2	
Gas		56 13 9	
Electricity		4 18 8	
Cleaning Materials, &c.		11 11 0	
Wages of Cleaner		20 2 9	
			108 19 4
Furniture and Fittings:			
Contract for Painting and Decoration of Library ..		85 8 8	
Distempering Librarian's Residence		14 12 11	
Linoleum, &c.		2 10 9	
Repairs		23 14 6	
Horse and Yard Account, Team Labour ..		0 5 0	
Notice Boards		0 8 0	
			126 19 10
Miscellaneous:			
Insurance of Buildings, Books, Pictures, &c. ..		11 7 4	
Postages, Carriage of Parcels, &c.		14 15 7	
Inhabited House Duty		1 5 0	
Store Room: Rent		20 0 0	
Income Tax: Schedule A		2 1 8	
Uniform		4 0 6	
Hire of Temporary News Room		7 0 0	
			60 10 1
Carried forward			£1,149 7 5

REVENUE

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Income.		
Brought forward		1,553 8 1
To PETERSHAM BRANCH.		
Library Receipts:		
Fines	0 10 4	
Sale of Periodicals	0 7 6	
		0 17 10
		£1,554 5 11

BALANCE

31st

Dr.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Liabilities.		
To		
Sundry Creditors		152 17 6
Balance being excess of Assets:		
Books, &c., purchased out of Revenue	6,580 9 2	
Suspense Account for purchase of Premises adjoining Library	165 0 0	
Surplus on Revenue Account	387 13 8	
		7,133 2 10
		£7,286 0 4

ACCOUNT.—*continued.*

Expenditure.

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Brought forward		1,149 7 5
By		
PETERSHAM BRANCH.		
Rent, &c., of Reading Room	12 12 0	
Newspapers and Magazines	4 2 4	
Mat, &c.	0 10 6	
		17 4 10
		1,166 12 3
Balance, Surplus at 31st March, 1905		387 13 8
		£1,554 5 11

SHEET.

March, 1905.

Assets. Cr.

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
By		
Books, Maps, Pictures, &c.	6,580 9 2	
Deposit on Agreement for the purchase of The Cottage, Little Green	165 0 0	
		6,745 9 2
Cash Balances:		
Treasurer	495 11 2	
Librarian: Imprest	45 0 0	
		540 11 2
		£7,286 0 4

H. RICHARDS,

BOROUGH ACCOUNTANT.

Borough of Richmond, Surrey.

TWENTY-FIFTH ANNUAL REPORT

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COMMITTEE AND OFFICERS.

JULY, 1906.

Chairman.

COUNCILLOR J. B. HILDITCH, J.P.

Committee.

THE MAYOR (COUNCILLOR W. SANDOVER, J.P.)

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Attendant.

A. E. SMITH

Twenty-fifth Annual Report

OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE

Richmond Public Library.

To the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the Borough of Richmond, Surrey.

GENTLEMEN,

Your Committee have pleasure in presenting the following Report for the year 1905-6.

The chief events in connection with the work of the Library during the past twelve months have been the completion of the much needed extension and alterations referred to at length in the last two Annual Reports, and the opening on May 16th, 1906, of a large and handsome room as a Reference Library and Magazine Room.

The opening ceremony took place in the new room, when His Worship the Mayor (Mr. Councillor W. Sandover, J.P.) accompanied by the Mayoress, in the presence of some 120 persons formally declared the room open for public use. The company invited was representative of the Town Council and Borough Officials, the Education Committee, the Public Elementary Schools, Ex-members of the Library Committee, and others especially interested in the work of education in the district.

Mr. Councillor Hilditch, J.P., Chairman of the Library Committee presided, the proceedings commencing with a suitable prayer offered by the Rev. Max. F. B. Binney, M.A., Vicar of Richmond, and a passage from the Bible read by the Rev. Allen Rees. Interesting speeches were given by Mr. Councillor Hilditch, J.P., Mr. Alderman Burt, J.P., Mr. Alderman Edgar, J.P., B. Sc., Mus. Bac., F. G. B. Trevor, Esq., C.I.E., and Professor F. E. Hulme, F.L.S., F.S.A.

The Librarian read an account of the history of the Public Library movement in Richmond, and the Chairman then gave the following resumé of the extension scheme and the work the Committee had been able to carry out:—

In July of 1903, the Library Committee presented a Report to the Town Council in which they spoke of the increasing difficulty under which the work of the Library was being carried on, owing to the

Institution having outgrown its quarters. Reference was made to the congested condition of the existing building, the overcrowded state of the shelves, to the growing demands made upon the Library by the Burgesses, and to the difficult problem the Committee had had before them for so long, *i.e.*, to provide a remedy for all these evils.

The Council's attention was drawn to the possibility of securing, for purposes of Library extension, the freehold property known as "The Cottage" which adjoins the Library, and the desirability of its purchase, the premises having a frontage of 66ft. 6ins., and an area of about 659 square yards.

The Committee reported that after careful enquiry they had come to the conclusion that the property was in every way a desirable site for purposes of extension, and they had been advised that the price asked, £3,300, was a reasonable one, having regard to the excellent situation of the property and the use to which, if purchased, it could be put.

It was pointed out that the proposed purchase would involve no addition to the Borough rates, as the annual cost of the necessary loan could be met out of the ordinary Library income.

In their Report the Library Committee stated that under the circumstances they unanimously recommended the Council to approve the purchase of the property in question and to authorise the sealing of the necessary agreement.

The proposal met with the unanimous approval of the Council and the agreement was accordingly sealed.

The Committee came into possession of the property at Midsummer, 1905. Previous to this they had considered the best means of utilising the premises for Library purposes with the funds at their disposal, without incurring any additional loans.

With the assistance of Mr. J. H. Brierley, the Borough Surveyor, a scheme was drawn up and approved by the Committee. The plans and estimates for altering and adapting the premises were prepared by Mr. Brierley, who throughout acted as Architect and Surveyor. The first idea was to remove the party wall between the Library and "The Cottage," but Mr. Councillor Simpson, a member of the Library Committee, made a valuable suggestion in the treatment of the building which avoided this.

Certain rooms in "The Cottage" were adapted for Library purposes, and an addition on the ground floor was built out to obtain the room in which we have assembled this afternoon.

The remaining portion of "The Cottage" was given to the Librarian for house accommodation, his old quarters being set apart for the shelving of crowded out books and other official purposes.

By this arrangement the Committee have been able to save the £20 a year they were paying for the use of a store room in the Quadrant Road, to relieve the general congested condition of the Library, and to provide space for some 24,000 additional volumes.

Further, it has enabled the Committee to carry out a large number of improvements and additions, which will contribute materially to the comfort and convenience of the public and staff generally. The following may be mentioned especially :

A new Reference Library, measuring about 45-ft. by 18-ft., with seating accommodation for some 40 or 50 readers and book space for about 3,000 volumes; increased News-Room accommodation; increased counter space; a work-room for the staff; a cloak room for the staff which can be used as a mess room; a Committee room; an office for the Librarian, and adequate and much improved quarters for his family.

The new room, which is substantially furnished in oak and pitch-pine, has a bright and attractive appearance, is lofty and well lighted, and is generally admired. It will be set apart as a Reference Library for quiet reading and study, away from the noise and bustle of the News Room and Lending Library counter. At present it contains a selection of some 2,000 volumes taken from the Reference Department, the other works being shelved in various parts of the building.

The open shelves at one end of the room contain 410 volumes of reference works most frequently used, and are free of access, the filling up of reading tickets not being demanded. The works consist chiefly of Encyclopædias and Dictionaries, etc. The room also contains 30 periodicals of a more serious character, a catalogue of the 12,733 volumes in the Reference Library, and when the walls are sufficiently dry a large number of local maps, plans and views will be exhibited. Over the fireplace is a handsome bronze tablet commemorating the opening of the extension. This is the gift of the Chairman of the Library Committee., and contains the following inscription :—

The Richmond Public Library
was the first established in
the area of Greater London under
the Public Libraries Acts of 1855-1877.
Library opened on June 18th, 1881
(Population, 19,068. Number of Volumes. 7,100.)
Library enlarged
by the extension of the News Room in 1886
(Population, 22,000. Number of Volumes, 14,044.)
Library again enlarged
by the addition of this new Reference Room and
adjoining premises which were opened by His Worship
the Mayor of Richmond (Councillor W. Sandover, J.P.), 16th May, 1906.
(Population, 33,200. Number of Volumes, 31,538.)
This tablet presented by
Councillor J. B. Hilditch, J.P., Chairman of the Library Committee.

The Committee confidently look forward to a marked increase in the number of readers as a result of the various improvements and the provision of the room now available for reference and study.

It is satisfactory to note that the usual Library work was carried on simultaneously with the alterations and extension, without any serious inconvenience to the public.

Great credit is due to the staff for the way in which the work of reorganization was accomplished.

Issues. The returns in the various departments shew an increase of 5,690 on last year's figures.

The Library, however, was open 14 days more than in the previous year. The increase therefore is apparent only, the daily average being the same for the two years, viz., 416.

From the Lending Department 91,744 volumes were circulated, the volumes consulted in the Reference Department being 6,647. The issue of unbound numbers of periodicals, etc., in both departments was 3,466, giving a total issue for the year of 101,857 volumes.

Borrowers. The number of borrowers to whom Lending Library tickets were issued during the year is 1,894, the actual number of tickets in use on the 31st March, 1906 being 3,277. Of these 2,742 are from Richmond, 316 from Kew, 70 from Petersham, and 149 from North Sheen.

Overdue Books, Fines, etc. The fines paid during the past year for the detention of books beyond the time allowed for home reading, produced £87 12s. 1d., a few shillings more than the amount realised during the previous year, whilst 544 circulars were sent out for the return of overdue books.

Additions to Stock. There have been added to the Library 593 volumes, of which 265 have been placed in the Lending Department and 328 on the Reference shelves. Of these, 346 volumes were purchased by the Committee, and the remaining 247 were presented.

Deducting 1,119 volumes withdrawn from circulation, there is left a total of 31,540 volumes in the Library, a net decrease of 526 on the year, but a total increase of 22,616 since the publication of the first Annual Report in June, 1882.

The withdrawals are unusually large this year. Opportunity was taken of the re-arrangement of the shelves, etc., to examine every book in the Library and to withdraw those volumes that were obsolete or superseded by up-to-date works, and any of ephemeral value, or otherwise undesirable.

The following table shews the additions in the several classes of literature during the year :—

Class		
A	Theology and Philosophy	21
B	Biography and Correspondence ..	44
C	History, Topography, Voyages, and Travels	41
D	Law, Politics, and Social Economy ..	19
E	Arts (including Music), Sciences, and Natural History	21
F	Prose Fiction	63
G	Poetry, Drama, and Classics ..	10
H	Miscellaneous Literature	5
I	Magazines and Reviews	29
J	Juvenile Literature	5
K	Foreign Literature	7
R.L.	Reference Library	328
		593

News Room. The increased accommodation in the News Room, one of the results of the Extension, is much appreciated by the public generally and the often overcrowded condition of the room is at last remedied.

In April, 1905, the Committee had before them the question of "blacking-out" the betting news in the papers taken in the Library.

After careful consideration the Committee did not think it necessary to adopt the practice of "blacking-out."

Stock-taking. The Library was closed in August last for the usual annual stock-taking and cleaning, when the books were carefully checked with the stock book, and it is very satisfactory to report that out of an issue of over 101,000 volumes there was only one book which could not be accounted for—a copy of Cowper's Works, vol. 1. (Bohn), valued at 2s. 3d.

Petersham Branch. This reading room and delivery station for books from the Central Library is open each evening during the hours of 6 to 9.

The returns for the past 3 years are as follows:—

Year.	Evenings open.	Volumes issued.	Average evening attendance.
1903-4	306	1989	9
1904-5	307	1763	8
1905-6	307	1996	9

The population of Petersham is 589. Tickets for home reading are in the hands of 70 persons living in the village, 54 of whom make use of this room as a delivery station for the exchange of books. The annual cost of maintenance amounts to £16.

Sunday Opening. The average attendance on Sundays shews a decrease of 12 on last year's returns and is the lowest yet recorded.

The number of books consulted shews a decrease of 38, and is also below that of any previous year.

The details of attendances and issues since Sunday opening was first established, 12 years ago, are given below:—

Year.	Sundays open.	Total Attendances.	Average per Sunday.	Men.	Women.	Juveniles.	Books consulted.
1894-95	26	2912	112	73	12	27	225
1895-96	26	3508	138	82	10	46	600
1896-97	25	3412	136	77	9	50	371
1897-98	25	3065	123	72	10	41	401
1898-99	25	3147	136	73	11	42	327
1899-1900	25	3421	137	96	9	32	268
1900-01	26	2665	103	72	10	21	219
1901-02	25	2272	91	62	10	19	162
1902-03	26	2734	105	76	10	19	107
1903-04	25	2057	82	60	6	16	122
1904-05	25	2286	91	69	9	13	85
1905-06	26	2046	79	62	8	9	47

The Library is open for three hours, *i.e.*, from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. each Sunday, from October to March inclusive.

Donations. The donations for the year have been numerous and valuable. The names of the donors appear on pages 15-19 of this Report. To these donors, as well as to all those who have in other ways kindly furthered the interests of the Library, the Committee desire to tender their grateful acknowledgements.

Staff. In conclusion the Committee desire to express their approval of the manner in which the duties of the Librarian and of the Staff have been carried out during the past year, and especially of the energetic services that were rendered by all during the re-organization of the Library and re-classification of the books.

Signed on behalf of the Committee,

J. B. HILDITCH,

July 2nd, 1906. Chairman.

CLASSIFICATION AND NUMBER OF VOLUMES IN THE LIBRARY.

Showing the Increase during the year ended 31st March, 1906.

Class Letter.	Classification of Books in the Lending Library.	No. of Vols. 1904-1905.	No. of Vols. 1905-1906.
A	Theology and Philosophy	993	1014
B	Biography and Correspondence	1968	2014
C	History, Topography, Voyages, and Travels	2574	2588
D	Law, Politics, Social Economy, &c.	492	511
E	Arts, Sciences, and Natural History	3041	3062
F	Prose Fiction	4449	4424
G	Poetry, Drama, and Classics	1078	1090
H	Miscellaneous English Literature	941	944
I	Magazines and Reviews	1188	1217
J	Juvenile Literature	821	825
K	Foreign Literature	627	635
		18172	18324
	Petersham Library	483	483
		18655	18807
	Reference Library	**13411**	**12733**
	Total Volumes	**32066**	**31540**

Volumes lost or damaged, and replaced by Borrowers 7
Volumes transferred from Lending Library to Reference Library .. 17
Volumes transferred from Reference Library to Lending Library .. 17
Volumes withdrawn, being worn out, useless, or duplicate, (113 from Lending Library, and 1006 from Reference Library) 1119
Volumes lost by default (Lending Library) 2

N.B.—The decrease in Class F, and the Reference Library, as shown above, is consequent upon the withdrawal of duplicates, re-classification, and the transfer of volumes

Table showing Total Issues for the twenty-four years and nine months that the Library has been opened.

Year.	Theology and Philosophy.	Biography and Correspondence.	History, Travels, &c.	Law, Politics, &c.	Arts and Sciences.	Fiction.	Poetry, Drama, and Classics.	Miscellaneous Literature.	Magazines and Reviews.	Juvenile Literature.	Foreign Literature.	Periodicals (Unbound Numbers).	Total Volumes.
1881-82 (9 months only)	1375	2414	5835	281	3523	42535	1351	1729	3245	4656	..	779	67723
1882-83	1356	2190	4960	298	3600	57726	1364	1399	5414	5639	..	1958	85904
1883-84	1104	2332	5206	323	3438	58543	1504	1570	5134	5194	..	2623	86971
1884-85	1143	2136	5120	328	3169	58272	1292	1366	5085	5321	..	2906	86138
1885-86	1416	2474	6291	449	3667	60922	1364	1851	5981	6147	..	4371	94933
1886-87	1394	2647	6141	349	4261	60054	1581	1909	5774	6340	..	3511	93961
1887-88	1331	2818	6569	537	3996	69465	1739	1789	7599	6521	..	3005	105369
1888-89	1366	3078	7453	510	3567	69999	1402	1964	7867	6659	..	3100	106965
1889-90	1185	3370	7561	456	3420	68237	1492	2301	6996	6234	1134	3601	105987
1890-91	1084	3189	5083	403	3267	63408	1559	1741	6659	5574	1324	3782	97073
1891-92	1045	2506	4935	430	3060	62239	1388	1480	5729	3873	1148	3556	91389
1892-93	1146	2690	6035	411	3637	60213	1680	2080	5215	4512	1377	3425	92421
1893-94	1335	3072	5925	531	4300	66622	1775	1934	5053	4741	1318	3592	100198
1894-95 (12 mths & 4 days)	1289	2965	6565	437	4608	71227	1967	1972	5832	5730	1382	3769	107743
1895-96	1423	3113	5018	563	4531	68120	1645	1686	7657	5430	1807	4406	105399
1896-97	1334	2753	5128	576	4894	67203	1763	2278	6760	5126	1645	4686	104146
1897-98	1432	2893	5096	566	5263	64036	1682	2534	5125	4892	1444	4401	99364
1898-99	1243	3361	5529	652	5197	66615	1796	2482	4986	4636	1598	3794	101889
1899-00	945	2795	4979	436	4523	66370	1670	2113	5035	4491	1291	3526	98174
1900-01	1073	2979	5351	471	5124	66924	1748	2048	4756	4908	1244	3427	100053
1901-02	1248	2810	4906	548	5181	65113	1559	1757	3303	4881	1243	3481	96030
1902-03	1418	3137	5317	571	6482	65561	1637	1852	2660	4612	1324	3267	97838
1903-04	1487	4541	6357	1014	8047	64867	2064	2496	2657	4191	1394	3456	102571
1904-05	1505	3977	6060	898	7412	59928	2007	2419	2664	4368	1308	3621	96167
1905-06	1336	3885	5952	958	7711	65706	2159	2413	2703	4379	1189	3466	101857
TOTALS	32013	74125	143372	12996	115878	1589905	41188	49163	129889	129055	23170	85509	2426263

Total Number of Volumes borrowed from the Lending Library 2,230,100
Total Number of Volumes consulted in the Reference Library 196,163

2,426,263

Table of Issues in the Lending Library, 1905-1906.

Month.	No. of days open.	Theology and Philosophy.	Biography and Correspondence.	History, Travels, &c.	Law, Politics, &c.	Arts and Sciences.	Fiction.	Poetry, Drama, and Classics.	Miscellaneous Literature.	Magazines and Reviews.	Juvenile Literature.	Foreign Literature.	Total Volumes.	Total Borrowers.
April	19	127	304	381	33	509	5618	102	115	246	374	128	7937	7755
May.....	23	90	312	358	25	447	5803	116	107	225	352	92	7927	7735
June	20	89	238	322	31	426	5177	89	108	169	307	92	7048	6877
July.....	20	57	197	251	27	342	4050	64	71	141	217	57	5474	5336
August ..	13	46	136	239	20	250	2573	46	48	106	140	36	3640	3556
September	22	82	287	387	48	506	5750	111	107	208	302	103	7891	7688
October ..	22	95	266	420	54	539	6118	129	123	214	356	120	8434	8233
November	21	98	289	406	56	565	5912	149	167	247	447	74	8410	8214
December	20	107	270	404	59	515	5743	148	143	248	406	66	8109	7906
January ..	23	106	279	421	93	549	6317	164	143	262	466	104	8904	8661
February	20	95	263	379	65	598	5916	184	129	233	482	87	8431	8230
March....	22	93	308	456	78	646	6729	167	147	299	530	86	9539	9301
Totals	245	1085	3149	4424	589	5892	65706	1469	1408	2598	4379	1045	91744[a]	89492

Periodicals issued for Home Reading 3082

a This includes 1996 Volumes issued from the Petersham Branch.

Table of Issues in the Reference Library, 1905-1906.

Month.	No. of days open.	Theology and Philosophy.	Biography and Correspondence.	History, Travels, &c.	Law, Politics, &c.	Arts and Sciences.	Poetry, Drama, and Classics.	Miscellaneous Literature.	Magazines and Reviews.	Foreign Literature.	Total Volumes.	Total Readers.
April	19	13	46	107	34	153	68	90	10	1	552	308
May	23	25	80	73	50	172	68	109	7	18	634	339
June	20	28	43	135	7	126	113	60	2	16	530	270
July	20	10	76	155	16	96	32	68	11	12	476	263
August	13	7	50	102	29	136	21	93	3	2	443	236
September	22	15	44	205	36	189	34	88	14	21	646	382
October	22	42	50	132	36	121	42	114	17	20	574	350
November	21	31	42	131	30	202	41	90	6	15	588	347
December	20	33	60	91	21	141	28	51	7	10	442	285
January	23	15	72	152	31	122	28	99	14	4	537	316
February	20	11	82	107	43	96	84	66	8	18	509	298
March	22	21	91	128	33	236	71	77	5	7	669	342
Totals	245	251	736	1520	366	1790	690	999	104	144	6600*	3727

File Volumes of Newspapers and Periodicals consulted 384

*To this must be added the Sunday Issues as follows: 26 Sundays, 47 Volumes to 26 Readers. Daily average, 2.

Total Issues in Lending and Reference Libraries, 1905-1906.

Month.	No. of days open.	Theology and Philosophy.	Biography and Correspondence.	History, Travels, &c.	Law, Politics, &c.	Arts and Sciences.	Fiction.	Poetry, Drama, and Classics.	Miscellaneous Literature.	Magazines and Reviews.	Juvenile Literature.	Foreign Literature	Total Volumes	Total Borrowers and Readers.	Daily Average of Issues.
April	19	140	350	488	67	662	5618	200	205	256	374	129	8489	8063	447
May	23	115	392	433	75	619	5803	214	216	232	352	110	8561	8065	372
June	20	117	281	457	38	552	5177	202	168	171	307	108	7578	7147	379
July	20	67	273	406	43	438	4050	96	139	152	217	69	5950	5599	297
August ..	13	53	186	341	49	386	2573	67	141	109	140	38	4083	3792	314
September	22	97	331	592	84	695	5750	145	195	222	302	124	8537	8070	388
October ..	22	137	316	552	90	660	6118	171	237	231	356	140	9008	8583	409
November	21	129	331	537	86	767	5912	190	257	253	447	89	8998	8561	428
December	20	140	330	495	80	656	5743	176	194	255	406	76	8551	8191	428
January ..	23	121	351	573	124	671	6317	192	242	276	466	108	9441	8977	410
February	20	106	345	486	108	694	5916	268	189	241	482	105	8940	8528	447
March....	22	114	399	584	111	882	6729	238	224	304	530	93	10208	9643	464
Totals	245	1336	3885	5944	955	7682	65706	2159	2407	2702	4379	1189	98344	93219	401

Number of Volumes issued (Week Days).....	98,344
" " (Sundays.....	47
Unbound Numbers of Periodicals and File	
Volumes of Newspapers consulted.....	3,466
	101,857

Daily Average (Week Days).....	416
Daily Average (26 Sundays)	2
Population in 1905	33,837
Proportionate issue to each inhabitant	3.10

CLASSIFICATION OF BORROWERS

To whom Tickets have been issued during the year 1905-06.

AGES.

Under 15	55
15 to 20	292
21 to 30	402
31 to 40	242
41 to 50	164
Above 50	169
Not stated	570
	1,894

RATEPAYERS & NON-RATEPAYERS.

Ratepayers	531
Non-Ratepayers	1,363
	1,894

SEXES.

Males	866
Females	1,028
	1,894

TOTAL NUMBER OF BORROWERS

Since the Opening of the Library in 1881.

Borrowers joined	Lending	Library –	1881-82		3,180
,,	,,	,,	,,	1882-83	1,228
,,	,,	,,	,,	1883-84	2,060
,,	,,	,,	,,	1884-85	1,432
,,	,,	,,	,,	1885-86	1,907
,,	,,	,,	,,	1886-87	1,469
,,	,,	,,	,,	1887-88	1,926
,,	,,	,,	,,	1888-89	1,516
,,	,,	,,	,,	1889-90	1,772
,,	,,	,,	,,	1890-91	1,719
,,	,,	,,	,,	1891-92	1,490
,,	,,	,,	,,	1892-93	1,936
,,	,,	,,	,,	1893-94	1,728
,,	,,	,,	,,	1894-95	1,898
,,	,,	,,	,,	1895-96	1,948
,,	,,	,,	,,	1896-97	1,866
,,	,,	,,	,,	1897-98	1,926
,,	,,	,,	,,	1898-99	1,895
,,	,,	,,	,,	1899-1900	1,809
,,	,,	,,	,,	1900-01	1,992
,,	,,	,,	,,	1901-02	1,747
,,	,,	,,	,,	1902-03	1,962
,,	,,	,,	,,	1903-04	1,957
,,	,,	,,	,,	1904-05	1,950
,,	,,	,,	,,	1905-06	1,894
					46,207
Total cancelled					42,930
Actual number of Tickets in use 31st March, 1906					3,277*

*Of these 2,742 are from Richmond, 316 from Kew, 70 from Petersham, and 149 from North Sheen.

Tickets are only available for two years, after which they must be renewed.

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†Christian Herald
†Christian World
*Church Times
†Civil Service Candidate
†Civil Service Competitor
†Civil Service Weekly
†Civilian
Contract Journal
Country Life
*Cricket
†Croydon Guardian
†Drapers' Record
Education
†Electrical Engineer
Electrical Review
Engineer
English Mechanic
Era
Field
Fishing Gazette
Garden
Gardeners' Chronicle
†Grantham Journal
Graphic (2 copies)
Guardian
†Horticulture, Journal of
Illustrated London News (2 copies)
*India
†Inquirer
†Insurance Monitor
†Investors' Guardian
*Investors' Review
†Irish Times
†Jewish World
Lady
Lady's Pictorial
Lancet
†Laundry Journal
Law Times
†Local Government Chronicle
†Local Government Journal
†Machinery Market
†Middlesex Chronicle
†Middlesex County Times
†Middlesex Independent
†Midland Counties Herald
†Modern Society
Municipal Journal
Nature
New Age
†News of the World
Notes and Queries
†Old Palace Circular
Outlook, The
†Patents, Illustrated Journal
†Pitman's Phonetic Journal
†Poultry
†Present Truth
†Public Health Engineer
Public Opinion
Publishers' Circular
Punch (2 copies)
Queen
†Railway News
†Reading Mercury
†Richmond and Twickenham Times (4 copies)
†Richmond Herald (4 copies)
Saturday Review
Scotsman
Sketch
†Social Gazette
*South Africa
†South London Press
†Southport Visiter
Speaker
Spectator
Sphere
Statist
†Surrey Advertiser
†Surrey Comet (3 copies)
†Surrey Comet (Mid weekly) (1 copy)
†Surrey Mirror
†Surrey Times
†Temperance Chronicle
†Thames Valley Times (4 copies)
†Timber Trades Journal
Truth
†Wandsworth Borough News
†War Cry
†Weekly Dispatch
†West London Observer
†Worcester Herald
World

FORTNIGHTLY.

† University Correspondent

MONTHLIES.

*American Antiquarian
†Anglo-Russian
†Animals' Friend
†Animals' Guardian
Antiquary
Architectural Review
Army List
*Asylum News
†Biblewomen and Nurses
Blackwood's Magazine
Bookman
†Bookseller
Boy's Own Paper
British Workman
Cassell's Magazine
Century Magazine
†Church of England League Gazette
†City Mission Magazine
†Concord
Contemporary Review
†Cook's Traveller's Gazette
Cornhill Magazine
†County Council Times
*Cyclists' Touring Club Gazette
†Educational Times
English Illustrated Magazine
†Epicure
†Family Herald
†Food and Cookery
Fortnightly Review
†Free Russia
†Free Sunday Advocate
*Friendly Companion (2 copies)
*Geographical Journal
Girl's Own Paper
*Gospel Standard (2 copies)
†Great Western Railway Magazine
Harper's Magazine
†Herald of Health
†Herald of the Golden Age
†Humanitarian
†Incorporated Accountants' Journal
†Insurance Agent
†Land Values
†Liberator
Library Association Record
Library World
†Literary World
Macmillan's Magazine
Musical Herald
Musical Times
†Musicians, Incorporated Soc. of, Monthly Journal
National Review
†Nature Notes
†New Church Magazine
Nineteenth Century and After
†Our Own Gazette
†Our Waifs and Strays
Pall Mall Magazine
†Patents
Petersham Institute Journal
Photo-Miniature
†Pioneer of Wisdom
†Plumber and Decorator
*Protestant Woman
Quiver
†Review of Religions
Review of Reviews
*Richmond Christian Mission Magazine
Richmond Congregational Magazine
*Richmond Education Committee, Minutes and Reports
*Richmond Parish Magazine
*Richmond Town Council, Minutes and Reports
*Royal United Service Institution, Journal of
†School Music Review
†Seamen, Deceased, Register of Names, etc.
†State Correspondent
Strand Magazine
Studio
Sunday at Home
†Tailor and Cutter
Temple Bar
*Theosophical Review
†Vaccination Inquirer
†Vegetarian Messenger
Weldon's Bazaar of Children's Fashions
Weldon's Illustrated Dressmaker
Weldon's Journal of Costumes
Weldon's Ladies' Journal
Windsor Magazine
Woman at Home
*Young Abstainer
†Zoophilist

QUARTERLIES.

† Bird Notes
Edinburgh Review
† Educational Record
Hibbert Journal
Home Counties Magazine
Library
Navy List
Quarterly Review
Reader's Index (Croydon Library)
* Richmond Hill School Magazine
* Surrey County Council, Minutes and Reports
† Technical Education, Record of
† Travel
† Tuberculosis
* Verulam Review

ANNUALS, &c

† Aberdeen University Calendar
Academy Notes
Annual Register
Army List (Hart's)
Art, The Year's
† Australia, Western, Year Book of
Books, English Catalogue of
Builders' Price Book (Laxton's)
Cambridge University Calendar
Charities Register and Digest
Church of England Year Book
Civil Service Year Book
Clerical Directory (Crockford's)
Constitutional Year Book
County Councils and Municipal Corporations Companion
† Daily Mail Year Book
* Dublin University Calendar
* Durham University Calendar
† Ealing Year Book
* Education, Report of the Board of
* Education, Reports of the Commissioner of, U.S.A.
* Emigrants' Information Handbooks
Englishwomen's Year Book
Era Almanack
Financial Reform Almanack
* Foreign Office List
Harleian Society, Publications
Hazell's Annual
India Office List
Insurance Blue Book
* Kew, Royal Gardens, Bulletin
Library Year Book
† Licensed Victuallers' Official Annual
Literary Index
Literary Year Book
* Local Government Board Report
† London County Council Reports
London Manual
London University Calendar
† London University Guide
* Music, Union of Graduates in, Roll and Kalendar
* Musical Association, Proceedings
† Musicians, Incorp. Soc. of, List of Members, &c.
† National Physical Laboratory (Local Department) Report
† New South Wales, Year Book of
Oxford University Calendar
Photographic Year Book
Pictures of the Year
Press Guide (Willing's)
† Richmond Corporation Documents Reports of Institutions, &c.
Schoolmasters' Year Book
Schools, Public, Year Book
Southwark Diocesan Calendar
Statesman's Year Book
Statutes, Public General
Steamship Guide (Rhodes)
Surrey Archæological Society, Publications
* Surrey County Council, Reports
Surrey Parish Register Society, Publications.
* Technical Education, Nat. Assoc for the Promotion of, Report
Wesleyan Methodist Conference Minutes
Whitaker's Almanack
Who's Who
Who's Who Year Book

See also Directories

DIRECTORIES.

†Accountants and Auditors
†Advertisers' A B C
†Advertising, Practical
†Barnes and Mortlake
†Birmingham (Peck's)
Booksellers (Clegg's)
Clerical (Crockford's)
†English Directory and Gazetteer
†Insurance
†Kingston and District
Law List
London
London Suburban
Medical
Merchants, Manufacturers, &c.
Middlesex (Kelly's)
†Richmond and District
†Scholastic
Southwark Diocese
†Stubbs' (Manufacturers, Merchant Shippers, & Professional)
Surrey
Wesleyan Methodist

See also Annuals.

RAILWAY TIME TABLES.

A B C Railway Guide
Bradshaw
†Caledonian
†Cape Government
†District
†Great Central
†Great Eastern
†Great Northern
†Great Northern (Ireland)
†Great Western
†Highland
†London and North-Western
†London and South-Western
†London, Brighton, and South Coast
†Metropolitan
†Midland
†North British
†North Eastern
†North London
†South Eastern and Chatham
†Workmen's Trains and Trams (London County Council)

Newspapers and Periodicals taken at the Branch Reading Room

AT

Petersham.

*Those marked * are presented, and those marked † are sent from the Central Department.*

DAILIES.

Daily Chronicle
Evening News
Standard
Star

WEEKLIES.

†British Weekly
*Canada
*Christian Herald
†Christian World
†Church Times
†Graphic
†Guardian
†Illustrated London News
*Middlesex Chronicle
*Middlesex County Times
*News of the World
†Outlook
*Pitman's Phonetic Journal
†Poultry
†Punch
*Richmond and Twickenham Times
*Richmond Herald
†Speaker
*Surrey Advertiser
*Surrey Comet
*Surrey Times
*Thames Valley Times

MONTHLIES

Boy's Own Paper
Chambers's Journal
*Friendly Companion
†Girl's Own Paper
*Gospel Standard
*Petersham Institute Journal
*School Music Review
Strand
*Vegetarian Messenger

QUARTERLIES.

†Travel

RAILWAY TIME TABLES.

†A B C Railway Guide
*District
*Great Central
*Great Eastern
*Great Northern
*Great Western
*London and North-Western
*London and South-Western
*London, Brighton, and South Coast
*Metropolitan
*South Eastern and Chatham

Financial Statement

For the Year ended 31st March, 1906.

Dr.

REVENUE

Income.

To	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Surplus at 31st March, 1905, as per last Report ..				387	13	8
Free Public Library Rate of 1d. in the £				1,205	8	11
CENTRAL LIBRARY.						
Library Receipts.						
Fines	87	12	1			
Damaged and Lost Books	2	7	6			
Sale of Catalogues	2	15	3			
Sale of Periodicals	3	13	8			
Sale of Waste Paper	2	7	0			
Bespoke Book Fees	2	15	7			
Miscellaneous	0	1	3			
				101	12	4
Free Public Library Extension.						
Amount of Deposit for Purchase of "The Cottage" reimbursed out of Capital				165	0	0
Carried forward				£1,859	14	11

Year ended 31st March, 1906.

ACCOUNT.

Cr.

Expenditure.

By

CENTRAL LIBRARY.

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Salaries and Wages.		
Librarian	220 0 0	
Assistants	239 4 6	
Porter	75 18 0	
		535 2 6
Books, Papers, &c.		
Books, &c. (New)..	64 17 9	
Local Views, Books, &c.	2 11 0	
	67 8 9	
Subscriptions to—		
Surrey Archæological Society ..	0 10 0	
Harleian Society	2 2 0	
Library Association	1 1 0	
	3 13 0	
Binding	34 12 3	
Magazines	68 4 1	
Newspapers	26 2 3	
	128 18 7	
		200 0 4
Printing and Stationery.		
Printing	15 7 0	
Stationery	11 9 4	
		26 16 4
Fuel, Light, and Cleaning.		
Coal, Coke, and Wood	16 11 1	
Gas	49 15 1	
Electricity..	6 3 11	
Cleaning Materials, &c..	11 13 2	
Wages of Cleaner	19 9 1	
		103 12 4
Furniture and Fittings.		
Picture Frames	2 1 6	
Repairs	35 1 5	
Indicator, &c.	0 19 7	
		38 2 6
Miscellaneous.		
Insurance of Buildings, Books, Pictures, &c. ..	12 16 0	
Postages, Carriage of Parcels, &c.	19 8 9	
Inhabited House Duty	1 5 0	
Store Room: Rent, Half-Year..	10 0 0	
Income Tax: Schedule A	2 1 8	
Repairs to Buildings	19 2 4	
Horse and Yard Account—Team Labour	0 2 6	
Balance of cost of Site, &c., for Extension not defrayed out of Loan	11 6 11	
		76 2 5
Loans, &c.		
Interest on Loan for Extension..		29 4 0
Carried forward		£1,009 0 5

Income.

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
To Brought forward		1,859 14 11

PETERSHAM BRANCH

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Library Receipts.		
Fines	0 13 5	
Sale of Periodicals	0 11 5	
		1 4 10
		1,860 19 9
Deficiency at 31st March, 1906		79 14 3
		£1,940 14 0

ACCOUNT.—*continued.*

Expenditure.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Brought forward				1,009	0	5
By						
CENTRAL LIBRARY.						
Free Public Library Extension.						
Contract for Alterations, &c.	632	17	5			
Wages of Workmen	13	2	11			
Horse and Yard Account—Team Labour	1	9	8			
Pipes and Cement	0	9	5			
Amount of Valuation of Fixtures, Fittings, and Effects in "The Cottage"	107	0	6			
Valuer's Fee	2	12	6			
Stamp Duty	0	16	3			
Bookcases and Furniture	110	17	6			
Supplying and Fixing Leaded Lights	4	1	0			
Fixing Bookcase, Speaking Tubes, &c.	12	13	0			
Repairing and Altering Doors	4	3	6			
Gas Fittings	12	7	6			
Gravel and Turf..	3	13	6			
Printing, Advertisements, &c.	9	15	1			
				915	19	9
				1,925	0	2
PETERSHAM BRANCH.						
Rent, &c., of Reading Room	12	12	0			
Newspapers and Magazines	3	1	10			
				15	13	10
				£1,940	14	0

CAPITAL

Income.

	£	s.	d.
Mortgages	3,350	0	0
Expenditure paid out of Revenue	11	6	11
	£3,361	6	11

BALANCE

31st

Dr. **Liabilities.**

To

				£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Mortgagees.									
Loans							3,350	0	0
Sundry Creditors							321	9	1
Balance being excess of Assets:									
Books, &c., purchased out of Revenue	6,644	9	1						
Permanent Works defrayed out of Revenue	927	3	2						
				7,571	12	3			
Less deficiency on Revenue Account..				79	14	3			
							7,491	18	0
							£11,163	7	1

ACCOUNT.

Expenditure.

	£	s.	d.
Free Public Library Extension.			
Purchase money of "The Cottage", Little Green ..	3,300	0	0
Interest on Purchase money	0	3	6
Valuer's Charges	10	10	0
London Agent's Charges	7	2	3
Counsel's Fees	21	19	0
Proportion of Fire Insurance..	5	1	8
Stamp Duty	16	10	6
	£3,361	6	11

SHEET.

March, 1906.

Assets.

Cr.

By	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Books, Maps, Pictures, &c.	6,644	9	1			
Free Public Library Extension	4,277	3	2			
				10,921	12	3
Cash Balances :						
Treasurer	196	14	10			
Librarian :						
Imprest	45	0	0			
				241	14	10
				£11,163	7	1

H. RICHARDS,

BOROUGH ACCOUNTANT.

Borough of Richmond, Surrey.

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COMMITTEE AND OFFICERS.

JULY, 1907.

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Librarian and Secretary.

ALBERT A. BARKAS.

Sub-Librarian.

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Assistants.

G. E. DENNE.

J. V. JACOBS. W. J. BARNETT. S. J. LOVE.

Attendant.

A. E. SMITH.

TWENTY-SIXTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE

Richmond Public Library.

To the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the Borough of Richmond, Surrey.

GENTLEMEN,

In presenting their 26th Annual Report the Public Library Committee have pleasure in testifying to the wide appreciation by the public of the advantages offered in the various departments of the Institution under their care.

General satisfaction has been expressed during the past twelve months with the arrangements of the extended building, and with the alterations and re-modelling of the Library, a full account of which was given in last year's report.

New Reference Library.

The wisdom of providing a separate room as a Reference Library has been fully justified. There has been a steadily-growing interest in this department, and an increasing number of students and literary workers avail themselves of the books placed at their disposal.

The recorded issues of Reference Library books for the year shew a decrease of 1259 volumes, but it must be remembered that these issues represent but a small proportion of the books actually used. The most frequently consulted books of reference, which up to the opening of the new room had to be asked for on official application forms, are now free of access, and no record is taken of their use. There is no doubt that if an actual count could have been made during the past year, a considerable increase on all previous issues in this department would have been shewn. The Committee are satisfied that though the record in figures is less, the actual work done, and the convenience to the public are much greater.

The Committee would impress upon the minds of the inhabitants of Richmond, the fact that they have in their midst a large and excellently equipped Reference Library which should be of great assistance to all who require information that is difficult to obtain.

Finance. The heavy expenses of the Library extension, entirely defrayed from the proceeds of the penny rate, caused the Committee to start the year with an adverse balance of £80, but by strict economy they have been able to close the year with a credit balance of £24.

Bank Holidays. In October, 1905, the Committee decided to open the News Room on Bank Holidays, other than Christmas Day and Good Friday.

The room was opened on Boxing Day, December 26th, from 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. The attendance, however, was so small, the average being 15 per hour, that it was decided in future to open from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. only.

Children and the Library. The question of adopting a scheme for bringing the school children of the borough into touch with the Library, has occupied the attention of your Committee during the past year.

The Librarian submitted an exhaustive report upon the subject, and the whole question was carefully considered. Owing to financial limitations, however, the Committee were obliged to postpone the matter *sine die*.

Issues. The total issues during 1906-7 were 94,030, representing a daily average of 387. The returns for the past two years are as follows :—

Year.	Days open.	Issues L. L.	Issues R. L.	Total both depts.	Daily Average.
1905-6	245	94,826	7,031	101,857	416
1906-7	243	88,258	5,772	94,030	387

The cause of the decrease in the Reference Library issues has already been explained. The Committee are of the opinion that the decrease in the returns of the Lending Library, 80 per cent. of which is confined to the Fiction class, is attributable to the following causes :—

(*a*) The small number of new books purchased during the past two years as compared with former years. (*b*) The enormous number of standard and good popular works that are at the present time being published and sold at extremely low prices, together with the greatly increased facilities for the perusal of books from other libraries. (*c*) The fact that the sale copies of the last edition of the Lending Library catalogue, published in 1897, ran out in November, 1905, the only copies available for public use being those on the consulting counter at the Library.

A supplementary catalogue, published in December 1902, is still on sale, but the stock of this will be exhausted in about eighteen months' time.

Lending Library Catalogue. For the past two years the Librarian has been engaged on the compilation of an entirely new catalogue of the Lending Library. He is now revising the manuscript, and should funds allow it is intended that the work shall be in the hands of the printer early next spring.

Borrowers. The number of borrowers to whom Lending Library tickets were issued during the past year was 1,819, a decrease of 75, as compared with the previous year. The actual number of tickets in use on the 31st of March, 1907, was 3,196. Of these 2,617 were in Richmond, 322 in Kew, 67 in Petersham, and 190 in North Sheen.

Overdues. The fines paid during the year for the detention of books beyond the time allowed for home reading produced £82 3s. 7d., as compared with £87 12s. 1d. realised last year. Circulars to the number of 566 were sent out for the return of overdue books.

Additions to Stock. There have been added to the Library 770 volumes, of which 329 have been placed in the Lending Department, and 441 on the Reference shelves. Of these, 411 volumes were purchased by the Committee, and the remaining 359 were presented.

Deducting 248 volumes withdrawn from circulation, there is left a total of 32,062 volumes in the Library, a net increase of 522 on the year, and a total increase of 23,138 since the publication of the first Annual Report in June, 1882.

The following table shews the additions in the several classes of literature during the year :—

Class		
A.	Theology and Philosophy	18
B.	Biography and Correspondence ..	40
C.	History, Topography, Voyages, and Travels	31
D.	Law, Politics, and Social Economy ..	8
E.	Arts (including Music), Sciences, and Natural History	71
F.	Prose Fiction	95
G.	Poetry and Drama	12
H.	Miscellaneous Literature	14
I.	Magazines and Reviews	29
J.	Juvenile Literature	5
K.	Foreign Literature	6
R. L.	Reference Library	441
		770

News Room. The News Room which is frequented as much as ever proves how great a want this Institution supplies, and the eagerness with which periodicals of the better class are enquired for, and read, testifies to the educational value of this department. The average daily attendance in the News Room is estimated at 1,000 persons. The room is provided with 23 daily, 134 weekly, 2 fortnightly, 93 monthly, and 15 quarterly papers and periodicals, and 21 time tables. Of these 169 are presented, the remaining 119 being purchased by the Committee. There is also a cabinet of 65 volumes of Directories and similar works of reference, to which readers have unrestricted access.

Stocktaking. A noteworthy feature of the year's work is the fact that at the Annual Stocktaking in August last, after an issue of about 100,000 volumes, only two works valued at 9s. 4d. were unaccounted for, viz.: "European History," by Adams, value 5s. 6d., and "Round the Red Lamp," by Doyle, value 3s. 10d. This record speaks well for the efficient administration of the Library and the estimation in which the Institution is held by the borrowers.

Petersham Branch. This reading room and delivery station for books from the Central Library is open each evening from 6 to 9.

The returns for the past 3 years are as follows:—

Year.	Evenings open.	Volumes issued.	Average evening attendance.
1904-5	307	1763	8
1905-6	307	1996	9
1906-7	306	2003	8

The population of Petersham is 589. Tickets for home reading are in the hands of 67 persons living in the village, 57 of whom make use of this room as a delivery station for the exchange of books. The annual cost of maintenance amounts to £16 10s.

Sunday Opening. The average attendance on Sundays shews a decrease of 34 on last year's returns and is the lowest yet recorded.

The number of books consulted has practically dwindled to nothing, 9 volumes only having been called for during the season. In view of the gradual falling off in the attendance on Sundays during the past few years and the smallness of the numbers present throughout last season, the Committee decided to use the new Reference and Periodical Room, instead of the News Room, which up to last year was the only room available. The new Reference Room is large enough to afford comfortable accommodation to those who attend, whilst the change means a saving as to the expense of a second assistant and the cost of lighting.

The details of attendances and issues since Sunday opening was first established, 13 years ago, are given below :—

Year.	Sundays open.	Total Attendances.	Average per Sunday.	Men.	Women.	Juveniles.	Books consulted.
1894-95	26	2912	112	73	12	27	225
1895-96	26	3598	138	82	10	46	600
1896-97	25	3412	136	77	9	50	371
1897-98	25	3065	123	72	10	41	401
1898-99	25	3147	136	73	11	42	327
1899-1900	25	3421	137	96	9	32	268
1900-01	26	2665	103	72	10	21	219
1901-02	25	2272	91	62	10	19	162
1902-03	26	2734	105	76	10	19	107
1903-04	25	2057	82	60	6	16	122
1904-05	25	2286	91	69	9	13	85
1905-06	26	2046	79	62	8	9	46
1906-07	26	1173	45	38	5	2	9

The Library is open for three hours, i.e., from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. each Sunday, from October to March inclusive.

Donations. The Committee take this opportunity of thanking all who have kindly furthered the interests of the Institution by gifts of books or otherwise.

A list of donors of books, papers, and periodicals, will be found on pages 14-17 of this report.

Staff. The Committee have again much pleasure in recording their appreciation of the work of the Librarian, and his assistants, and of their uniform courtesy and attention in the discharge of their important duties.

Signed on behalf of the Committee,

J. B. HILDITCH,

Chairman.

July 3rd, 1907.

CLASSIFICATION AND NUMBER OF VOLUMES IN THE LIBRARY.

Shewing the Increase during the year ended 31st March, 1907.

Class Letter.	Classification of Books in the Lending Library.	No. of Vols. 1905-1906.	No. of Vols. 1906-1907.
A	Theology and Philosophy	1014	1039
B	Biography and Correspondence	2014	2052
C	History, Topography, Voyages, and Travels	2588	2528
D	Law, Politics, Social Economy, &c.	511	565
E	Arts, Sciences, and Natural History	3062	2993
F	Prose Fiction	4424	4499
G	Poetry and Drama	1090	1032
H	Miscellaneous English Literature	944	957
I	Magazines and Reviews	1217	1246
J	Juvenile Literature	825	848
K	Foreign Literature	635	638
		18324	18397
	Petersham Library	483	483
		18807	18880
	Reference Library	**12733**	**13182**
	Total Volumes	**31540**	**32062**

Volumes lost or damaged, and replaced by Borrowers	8
Volumes transferred from Lending Library to Reference Library	21
Volumes transferred from Reference Library to Lending Library	10
Volumes withdrawn, being worn out, useless, or duplicate, (245 from Lending Library, and 3 from Reference Library)	248

N.B.—The decrease in Classes C, E, and G, as shown above, is consequent upon the withdrawal of duplicates, re-classification, and the transfer of volumes

Table showing Total Issues for the twenty-five years and nine months that the Library has been opened.

Year.	Theology and Philosophy.	Biography and Correspondence.	History, Travels, &c.	Law, Politics, &c.	Arts and Sciences.	Fiction.	Poetry and Drama.	Miscellaneous Literature.	Magazines and Reviews.	Juvenile Literature.	Foreign Literature.	Periodicals (Unbound Numbers).	Total Volumes.
1881-82 (9 months only)	1375	2414	5835	281	3523	42535	1351	1729	3245	4656	..	779	67723
1882-83	1356	2190	4960	298	3600	57726	1364	1399	5414	5639	..	1958	85904
1883-84	1104	2332	5206	323	3438	58543	1504	1570	5134	5194	..	2623	86971
1884-85	1143	2136	5120	328	3169	58272	1292	1366	5085	5321	..	2906	86138
1885-86	1416	2474	6291	449	3667	60922	1364	1851	5981	6147	..	4371	94933
1886-87	1394	2647	6141	349	4261	60054	1581	1909	5774	6340	..	3511	93961
1887-88	1331	2818	6569	537	3996	69465	1739	1789	7599	6521	..	3005	105369
1888-89	1366	3078	7453	510	3567	69999	1402	1964	7867	6659	..	3100	106965
1889-90	1185	3370	7561	456	3420	68237	1492	2301	6996	6234	1134	3601	105987
1890-91	1084	3189	5083	403	3267	63408	1559	1741	6659	5574	1324	3782	97073
1891-92	1045	2506	4935	430	3060	62239	1388	1480	5729	3873	1148	3556	91389
1892-93	1146	2690	6035	411	3637	60213	1680	2080	5215	4512	1377	3425	92421
1893-94	1335	3072	5925	531	4300	66622	1775	1934	5053	4741	1318	3592	100198
1894-95 (12 mths & 4 days)	1289	2965	6565	437	4608	71227	1967	1972	5832	5730	1382	3769	107743
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1900-01	1073	2979	5351	471	5124	66924	1748	2048	4756	4908	1244	3427	100053
1901-02	1248	2810	4906	548	5181	65113	1559	1757	3303	4881	1243	3481	96030
1902 03	1418	3137	5317	571	6482	65561	1637	1852	2660	4612	1324	3267	97838
1903-04	1487	4541	6357	1014	8047	64867	2064	2496	2657	4191	1394	3456	102571
1904-05	1505	3977	6060	898	7412	59928	2007	2419	2664	4368	1308	3621	96167
1905-06	1336	3885	5952	958	7711	65706	2159	2413	2703	4379	1189	3466	101857
1906-07	1170	3227	5603	793	7535	60508	1884	1904	2462	4763	1112	3069	94030
TOTALS	33183	77352	148975	13789	123413	1650413	43072	51067	132351	133818	24282	88578	2520293

Total Number of Volumes borrowed from the Lending Library 2,318,358
Total Number of Volumes consulted in the Reference Library 201,935

2,520,293

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April	19	71	208	358	50	494	5361	98	110	245	524	69	7588	7428
May.....	22	88	236	390	53	492	5530	100	120	200	517	75	7801	7644
June	21	89	194	335	31	447	5149	132	79	151	416	81	7104	6949
July.....	19	41	146	206	24	277	3426	79	55	97	242	66	4659	4560
August ..	14	36	109	167	10	264	2543	45	52	63	154	57	3500	3414
September	21	67	209	295	49	486	4949	93	113	148	333	101	6843	6664
October ..	23	90	263	400	56	564	5606	162	143	203	439	118	8044	7853
November	21	102	233	400	39	528	5758	180	161	238	425	102	8166	7992
December	20	102	222	352	34	418	5190	139	134	225	361	87	7264	7097
January ..	22	108	271	398	51	518	5645	162	130	265	413	118	8079	7896
February	20	95	238	414	49	506	5510	144	120	238	438	105	7857	7646
March....	21	94	331	403	53	512	5841	117	147	258	501	99	8356	8175
Totals	243	983	2660	4118	499	5506	60508	1451	1364	2331	4763	1078	85261*a*	83318

Periodicals issued for Home Reading 2997

a This includes 2003 Volumes issued from the Petersham Branch.

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April	19	12	35	64	20	156	17	61	7	3	375	252
May...	22	15	37	90	15	173	46	43	4	2	425	279
June..	21	5	55	110	18	150	34	19	5	2	398	236
July	19	8	38	72	12	111	31	26	4	0	302	176
August	14	22	30	132	5	135	15	17	6	0	362	215
September	21	12	46	163	20	174	58	38	4	7	522	328
October	23	16	45	171	35	175	63	43	11	2	561	342
November	21	27	63	148	17	162	53	39	12	1	522	343
December	20	13	52	70	20	160	32	18	4	2	371	236
January	22	17	42	179	63	202	28	58	13	6	608	322
February	20	22	64	156	36	195	31	60	33	5	602	348
March.....	21	18	60	125	32	233	25	118	28	4	643	382
Totals.....	243	187	567	1480	293	2026	433	540	131	34	5691*	3459

File Volumes of Newspapers and Periodicals consulted 72

*To this must be added the Sunday Issues as follows 26 Sundays, 9 Volumes to 9 Readers.

Total Issues in Lending and Reference Libraries, 1906-1907.

Month.	No. of days open.	Theology and Philosophy.	Biography and Correspondence.	History, Travels, &c.	Law, Politics, &c.	Arts and Sciences.	Fiction.	Poetry and Drama.	Miscellaneous Literature.	Magazines and Reviews.	Juvenile Literature.	Foreign Literature.	Total Volumes.	Total Borrowers and Readers.	Daily Average of Issues.
April	19	83	243	422	70	650	5361	115	171	252	524	72	7963	7680	419
May	22	103	273	480	68	665	5530	146	163	204	517	77	8226	7923	374
June	21	94	249	445	49	597	5149	166	98	156	416	83	7502	7185	357
July	19	49	184	278	36	388	3426	110	81	101	242	66	4961	4736	261
August ..	14	58	139	299	15	399	2543	60	69	69	154	57	3862	3629	276
September	21	79	255	458	69	660	4949	151	151	152	333	108	7365	6992	351
October ..	23	106	308	571	91	739	5606	225	186	214	439	120	8605	8195	374
November	21	129	296	548	56	690	5758	233	200	250	425	103	8688	8335	411
December	20	115	274	422	54	578	5190	171	152	229	361	89	7635	7333	382
January ..	22	125	313	577	114	720	5645	190	188	278	413	124	8687	8218	395
February	20	117	302	570	85	701	5510	175	180	271	438	110	8459	7994	423
March....	21	112	391	528	85	745	5841	142	265	286	501	103	8999	8557	429
Totals	243	1170	3227	5598	792	7532	60508	1884	1904	2462	4763	1112	90952	86777	374

Number of Volumes issued (Week Days).....	90,952
,, ,, (Sundays)	9
Unbound Numbers of Periodicals and File Volumes of Newspapers consulted.....	3,069
	94,030

Daily Average (Week Days)	387
Population in 1906 (estimated).....	34,358
Proportionate issue to each inhabitant	2·73

CLASSIFICATION OF BORROWERS

To whom Tickets have been issued during the year 1906-07.

Ages.	
Under 15	38
15 to 20	269
21 to 30	397
31 to 40	234
41 to 50	167
Above 50	174
Not stated	540
	1,819

Ratepayers & Non-Ratepayers.	
Ratepayers	508
Non-Ratepayers	1,311
	1,819

Sexes.	
Males	788
Females	1,031
	1,819

TOTAL NUMBER OF BORROWERS

Since the Opening of the Library in 1881.

Borrowers joined	Lending	Library—	1881-82		3,180
,,	,,	,,	,,	1882-83	1,228
,,	,,	,,	,,	1883-84	2,060
,,	,,	,,	,,	1884-85	1,432
,,	,,	,,	,,	1885-86	1,907
,,	,,	,,	,,	1886-87	1,469
,,	,,	,,	,,	1887-88	1,926
,,	,,	,,	,,	1888-89	1,516
,,	,,	,,	,,	1889-90	1,772
,,	,,	,,	,,	1890-91	1,719
,,	,,	,,	,,	1891-92	1,490
,,	,,	,,	,,	1892-93	1,936
,,	,,	,,	,,	1893-94	1,728
,,	,,	,,	,,	1894-95	1,898
,,	,,	,,	,,	1895-96	1,948
,,	,,	,,	,,	1896-97	1,866
,,	,,	,,	,,	1897-98	1,926
,,	,,	,,	,,	1898-99	1,895
,,	,,	,,	,,	1899-1900	1,809
,,	,,	,,	,,	1900-01	1,992
,,	,,	,,	,,	1901-02	1,747
,,	,,	,,	,,	1902-03	1,962
,,	,,	,,	,,	1903-04	1,957
,,	,,	,,	,,	1904-05	1,950
,,	,,	,,	,,	1905-06	1,894
,,	,,	,,	,,	1906-07	1,819
					48,026
Total cancelled					44,830
Actual number of Tickets in use 31st March, 1907					3,196*

*Of these 2,617 are from Richmond, 322 from Kew, 67 from Petersham, and 190 from North Sheen.

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*Local Government Board Report
†London County Council Reports
London Manual
London University Calendar
†London University Guide
*Metropolitan Water Board Report
*Music, Union of Graduates in, Roll and Kalendar
*Musical Association, Proceedings
†Musicians, Incorp. Soc. of, List of Members, &c.
†National Physical Laboratory (Local Department) Report
†New South Wales, Year Book of
*Organists, Royal College of, Calendar
Oxford University Calendar
Photographic Year Book
Pictures of the Year
Press Guide (Willing's)
†Queensland Year Book
†Richmond Corporation Documents Reports of Institutions, &c.
Schoolmasters' Year Book
Schools, Public, Year Book
†Smithsonian Institution Report
Southwark Diocesan Calendar
Statesman's Year Book
Statutes, Public General
Steamship Guide (Rhodes)
Surrey Archæological Society, Publications
*Surrey County Council, Reports
Surrey Parish Register Society, Publications.
Surrey Photographic Survey and Record, Report
*Technical Education, Nat. Assoc. for the Promotion of, Report
Wesleyan Methodist Conference Minutes
Whitaker's Almanack
Who's Who
Who's Who Year Book

See also Directories.

DIRECTORIES.

†Accountants and Auditors
†Advertisers' A B C
†Advertising, Practical
†Barnes and Mortlake
†Birmingham (Peck's)
Booksellers (Clegg's)
Clerical (Crockford's)
†English Directory and Gazetteer
†Insurance
†Kingston and District
Law List
London
London Suburban
Medical
Middlesex
†Richmond and District
†Scholastic
Southwark Diocese
†Stubbs' (Manufacturers, Merchant Shippers, & Professional)
Surrey
Wesleyan Methodist

See also Annuals.

RAILWAY TIME TABLES.

A B C Railway Guide
Bradshaw
†Caledonian
†Cape Government
†District
†Great Central
†Great Eastern
†Great Northern
†Great Northern (Ireland)
†Great Western
†Highland
†London and North-Western
†London and South-Western
†London, Brighton, and South Coast
†Metropolitan
†Midland
†North British
†North Eastern
†North London
†South Eastern and Chatham
†Workmen's Trains and Trams (London County Council)

Newspapers and Periodicals taken at the Branch Reading Room

AT

Petersham.

*Those marked * are presented, and those marked † are sent from the Central Department.*

DAILIES.

Daily Chronicle
Evening News
Standard
Star

WEEKLIES.

†British Weekly
*Canada
*Christian Herald
†Christian World
†Church Times
†Graphic
†Guardian
†Illustrated London News
*Middlesex Chronicle
*Middlesex County Times
†Nation (late Speaker)
*News of the World
†Outlook
*Pitman's Phonetic Journal
†Poultry
†Punch
*Richmond and Twickenham Times
*Richmond Herald
*Surrey Advertiser
*Surrey Comet
*Surrey Times
*Thames Valley Times

MONTHLIES.

*Animals' Friend
Boy's Own Paper
Chambers's Journal
*Friendly Companion
Girl's Own Paper
*Gospel Standard
*Petersham Institute Journal
*School Music Review
Strand
*Vegetarian Messenger

RAILWAY TIME TABLES.

†A B C Railway Guide
*District
*Great Central
*Great Eastern
*Great Northern
*Great Western
*London and North-Western
*London and South-Western
*London, Brighton, and South Coast
*Metropolitan
*South Eastern and Chatham

Financial Statement

For the Year ended 31st March, 1907.

Dr. **REVENUE**

Income.

To	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Free Public Library Rate of 1d. in the £ on the whole Borough				1,221	16	1
Borough Fund—For interest and repayment of loans specially charged on Richmond Parish				198	2	3
CENTRAL LIBRARY.						
Library Receipts.						
Fines	82	3	7			
Damaged and Lost Books	1	4	1			
Sale of Catalogues	1	7	0			
Sale of Periodicals	4	3	8			
Sale of Waste Paper	3	16	9			
Bespoke Book Fees	2	16	3			
Miscellaneous	0	7	6			
				95	18	10
Carried forward				£1,515	17	2

ACCOUNT.

Cr.

Expenditure.

		£ s. d.	£ s. d.
By Deficiency at 31st March, 1906, as per last Report			79 14 3
CENTRAL LIBRARY.			
Salaries and Wages.			
Librarian		230 0 0	
Assistants		249 6 0	
Porter		68 8 6	
			547 14 6
Books, Papers, &c.			
Books, &c. (New)	71 2 0		
Ditto (Replacements) ..	8 10 11		
Local Views, Books, &c. ..	3 9 3		
		83 2 2	
Subscriptions to—			
Surrey Archæological Society ..	0 10 0		
Harleian Society	2 2 0		
Library Association	1 1 0		
		3 13 0	
Binding	67 0 6		
Magazines	64 13 11		
Newspapers..	27 5 2		
		158 19 7	
			245 14 9
Printing and Stationery.			
Printing		18 19 3	
tationery		9 13 7	
			28 12 10
Fuel, Light, and Cleaning.			
Coal, Coke, and Wood		18 0 8	
Gas		49 17 4	
Electricity..		7 2 11	
Cleaning Materials, &c...		16 4 8	
Wages of Cleaner		15 4 0	
			106 9 7
Furniture and Fittings.			
Picture Frames		0 13 4	
Repairs		38 7 7	
Indicator Books, &c.		2 5 0	
Fire Extinguisher		2 8 6	
			43 14 5
Miscellaneous.			
Rates, Taxes, and Insurance		23 13 4	
Postages, Carriage of Parcels, &c.		14 9 3	
Repairs to Buildings		18 6 5	
Uniform		4 4 6	
			60 13 6
Loans, &c.			
Interest and Repayment of Loans--Extension of Library		165 7 7	
Interest and Repayment of Loans—Library..		198 2 3	
			363 9 10
Carried forward			£1,476 3 8

Income.

		£	s.	d.
To	Brought forward	1,515	17	2

PETERSHAM BRANCH.

Library Receipts.

Fines	0	14	7
	£1,516	11	9

ACCOUNT—*continued.*

Expenditure.

	£	s.	d.
Brought forward	1,476	3	8

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PETERSHAM BRANCH.

ent, &c , of Reading Room..	12	12	0			
ewspapers and Magazines	3	16	11			
				16	8	11
				1,492	12	7
Surplus at 31st March, 1907				23	19	2
				£1,516	11	9

BALANCE

31

Dr.	Liabilities.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s.
To				
Stockholders				3,350 0
Sundry Creditors..				108 5
Balance being excess of Assets:				
Books, &c., purchased out of Revenue		6,719 0 4		
Permanent Works defrayed out of Revenue		927 3 2		
Stock Redemption Fund		52 14 2		
			7,698 17 8	
Revenue Account			23 19 2	7,722 16
				£11,181 2

SHEET.

arch, 1907.

Assets.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	Cr.
Books, Maps, Pictures, &c	6,719 0 4		
Free Public Library Extension	4,277 3 2		
		10,996 3 6	
ck Redemption Fund.			
Investments	47 8 3		
Treasurer—Cash Balance	5 5 11		
		52 14 2	
h Balances:			
Treasurer	87 4 4		
Librarian:			
Imprest	45 0 0		
		132 4 4	
		£11,181 2 0	

H. RICHARDS,

BOROUGH ACCOUNTANT.

Borough of Richmond, Surrey.

TWENTY-SEVENTH

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COMMITTEE AND OFFICERS.

JULY, 1908.

Chairman.

ALDERMAN J. B. HILDITCH, J.P.

Committee.

THE MAYOR (COUNCILLOR T. W. STEPHENS, J.P.)

ALDERMAN C. BURT, D.L., J.P.

ALDERMAN C. B. EDGAR, J.P.

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COUNCILLOR R. F. GIBB.

COUNCILLOR Dr. G. J. MAGUIRE.

COUNCILLOR R. H. NICHOLS.

COUNCILLOR R. W. SIMPSON, J.P.

COUNCILLOR Dr. M. H. TAYLOR, J.P.

Librarian and Secretary.

ALBERT A. BARKAS.

Sub-Librarian.

A. W. CROCKFORD.

Assistants.

G. E. DENNE.

S. J. LOVE. A. HERITAGE. S. G. BEAGLEY.

Attendant.

A. E. SMITH.

TWENTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE

Richmond Public Library.

To the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the Borough of Richmond, Surrey.

GENTLEMEN,

In submitting their 27th Annual Report the Committee are glad to be able to present a satisfactory statement on the continued popularity and usefulness of the Library.

Mr. Peter John Crooke, of Kew, and Mr. Charles Frederick W. Lloyd, of Limehouse, have very kindly presented to the Library an extensive and valuable collection of pre-historic stone and bronze implements, etc., formed by the late Mr. William H. Lloyd, jun., of St. Margarets, and particularly interesting to this locality, most of the objects having been found in the Thames at Richmond, Kew, Petersham, Isleworth, Twickenham, and Kingston, and other places in the neighbourhood. Arrangements are being made to have the collection properly classified, arranged, tabulated, and exhibited in a separate room.

In October, 1907, the Committee purchased a bronze medallion portrait of Mr. Edward King and placed it in the Library as a permanent memorial of the man who initiated the Public Library movement in Richmond, and to whom the early success of that movement was largely due. The portrait, which is an excellent one, is the work of Mr. A. G. Atkinson, a talented sculptor, a native of Kew, and an old friend of Mr. King's.

The Committee, whilst providing for all classes of readers, keep steadily in view the addition of works in those departments of literature which are educational in character. To encourage the reading of works which shall be of assistance and benefit to students, and of permanent value to the intelligent reading public, the following new arrangements have been introduced during the year:—

1. *The co-operation of the Library Committee with the National Home Reading Union.* With the authority of the Committee the Librarian has become an honorary member of the

N.H.R.U. The Union was formed for the purpose of guiding readers in the use of books and of directing self-education. The Magazines issued monthly by the Union, with the lists of books and courses of study they recommend, are placed prominently before the public, and cards are exhibited in the Library directing attention to the advantages of a systematic habit of studious and consecutive reading.

2. *The obtaining of newly published works, by subscription, from Messrs. W. H. Smith & Son.* There are many advantages attached to this scheme. Amongst others it solves in a large measure the difficulty the Committee have had in the past to supply borrowers with selections of the more expensive high-class recent books of general interest. Instead of having to wait many months for these works to be obtained second-hand, borrowers will now have an opportunity of reading them soon after publication, whilst the Committee will ultimately be able to purchase at a reduced rate any of the books considered to be of permanent value. Under this scheme which came into force on April 1st, 1908, the public have always fifty volumes to choose from. The books may be exchanged as often as desired, and in any quantity up to the number subscribed for. This plan has already proved a success.

In addition to the above efforts to encourage good reading, the Committee have, as in former years, purchased for the Lending Library, the works recommended by the gentlemen giving the local University Extension Lectures, and lists of these works have been posted up in the Library.

Issues. There is a decrease of 1,842 in the issues of the Lending Library. This doubtless is due to the same reasons mentioned in last year's report, viz.:—The enormous number of good popular works that are now published at extremely low prices, the energy and enterprise of large circulating libraries, and the need of an up-to-date catalogue of the Lending Library. It is interesting to note that the decline in the year's returns is in the main confined to fiction, this class alone accounting for 75% of the decrease. On the other hand there has been an increased demand for works in some of the more serious classes of literature, for instance:—in Theology, Mental and Moral Philosophy, Biography and Correspondence, Law and Politics, Political Economy, Sociology, Education, Magazines and Reviews, and Foreign Literature. These increases seem to shew that the local public appreciate the efforts made by the Committee to encourage reading of works of a more solid character.

The Reference Library shews an increase of 573 volumes. The number of readers making application for books was 3,382, the number of volumes consulted being 6,215. These figures however, must not be taken as representing the whole use made of this

department. As stated in last year's report, the most frequently consulted books of reference, which up to the opening of the new room had to be asked for on official application forms, are now free of access and no record is taken of their use. There is a steady increase in the number of persons using the new Reference Room and its open shelves, and a noteworthy feature is the growing use made of this department by teachers and students.

Below are given the total issues for the past two years in both departments :—

Year.	Days open.	Issues. L. L.	Issues. R. L.	Total both depts.	Daily Average.
1906-7	243	88,258	5,772	94,030	387
1907-8	248	86,416	6,345	92,761	374

Borrowers. The number of borrowers to whom Lending Library tickets were issued during the past year was 1,818, as compared with 1,819 the previous year. The actual number of tickets in use on the 31st of March, 1908, was 3,087, Of these 2,482 were in Richmond, 293 in Kew, 60 in Petersham. and 252 in North Sheen.

Overdue Books. The fines paid during the year for the detention of books beyond the time allowed for home reading produced £77 5s. 7d., as compared with £82 3s. 7d. realised last year. 503 circulars were sent out for the return of overdue books.

Additions to Stock. There have been added to the Library 859 volumes, of which 566 have been placed in the Lending Department, and 293 on the Reference shelves. Of these, 656 volumes were purchased by the Committee, the remaining 203 were presented. Deducting 89 volumes withdrawn from circulation as worn out and useless books, there is left a total of 32,832 in the Library, a net increase of 770 on the year, and a total increase of 23,908, since the publication of the first Annual Report in June, 1882.

The following table shows the additions in the several classes of literature during the year :—

Class		
A.	Theology and Philosophy	20
B.	Biography and Correspondence ..	81
C.	History, Topography, Voyages, and Travels	82
D.	Law, Politics, and Social Economy ..	32
E.	Arts (including Music), Sciences, and Natural History	110
F.	Prose Fiction	144
G.	Poetry and Drama	20
H.	Miscellaneous Literature	29
I.	Magazines and Reviews	24
J.	Juvenile Literature	19
K.	Foreign Literature	5
R.L.	Reference Library	293
		859

Local Collection. The Local Collection is still growing, and has been considerably strengthened by the addition of several interesting and valuable items. Besides the important gift of pre-historic implements already referred to, the following may be mentioned :—

A polished stone celt, found in the Thames between Mortlake and Richmond. *Presented by Messrs. Stevens Bros., of Richmond.*

Carved Lintel, placed over doorway in the north wall of the Parish Church in 1669, transferred to the west entrance in 1702, and removed from the church in 1864. *Presented by Mr. T. J. Carless, sen., of Richmond.*

The Committee have also been fortunate enough to acquire at a comparatively small cost the following :—

A Crown lease, on parchment, of the time of Queen Elizabeth (1594), granting to one John Williams the ferry rights at Richmond, on payment of 13s. 4d. per annum.

A "Terrier," on parchment, of the lands belonging to Sir John Rainford in Kew and Richmond. Date about 1580.

Photographic reproductions of two drawings of Richmond Palace by Wyngaerde, 1562, from the originals in the Bodleian Library, Oxford.

Natural history and antiquities of the County of Surrey, by John Aubrey, 5 vols., 1719.

The Committee would repeat what was said in one of their reports issued a few years ago, that they would be grateful if those persons who possess and can spare books, pamphlets, manuscripts, prints, and other items of interest relating to Richmond and district would either present them to the Library, or give the Committee the opportunity of acquiring them by purchase.

Catalogues. Readers will be glad to learn that the manuscript of the new catalogue of the Lending Library, which the Librarian has been compiling during the past two years, is now in the hands of the printers. It is expected that copies of this Catalogue will be ready for the public early in December of the present year. The work will contain references to nearly 20,000 volumes.

The Reference Library Catalogue, which is in manuscript, is written up to date, and in strict alphabetical sequence.

News Room, etc. The news-room is appreciated as much as ever. It is provided with 22 daily, 136 weekly, 2 fortnightly, 105 monthly, and 17 quarterly papers and periodicals, and 21 time-tables. Of these 173 are presented, the remaining 130 being purchased by the Committee. There is also a cabinet of 77 reference books to which the public have unrestricted access.

The Librarian reports most favourably upon the general conduct observed in the Library both as regards the order kept by the visitors and the care of the readers for the books, papers, and other property.

Stocktaking. The Library was closed in August last for the usual annual stocktaking and cleaning, when the books were all carefully checked with the stock book, and it is satisfactory to report that after an issue of nearly 93,000 volumes all the books were accounted for and only 5 volumes valued at 12/- were lost by default, *i.e.* in the hands of readers who have left the town, and whose whereabouts it is impossible to trace.

The Committee regret, however, to state that six volumes were abstracted from the open shelves in the Reference Room, a very unusual experience so far as the Richmond Library is concerned. Though the actual loss is a matter of a few shillings only, it is unfortunate that the privilege which is so much appreciated by readers, should be abused even to this slight extent. The Committee invite the assistance of the public in preventing this abuse of the Library. It need hardly be pointed out that the offenders if detected are liable to severe punishment.

Petersham Branch. This reading room and delivery station for books from the Central Library is open each evening from 6 to 9. The returns for the past 3 years are as follows:—

Year.		Evenings open.	Volumes issued.	Average evening attendance.
1905-6	...	307	1996	9
1906-7	...	306	2003	8
1907-8	...	309	1529	5

Sunday Opening. In view of the gradual falling off in the Sunday attendances during the past few years, and the smallness of the numbers present throughout the last season, the Committee in July, 1907, decided to discontinue Sunday opening. The average attendance per Sunday had dropped to 45 only.

Donations. The Committee take this opportunity of thanking all those who during the past year have presented books, papers, or periodicals, and those who have given engravings, photographs, and other objects for the Local Collection.

The Committee would also again acknowledge the courteous and valuable support given by the newspaper proprietors of the town who not only supply regularly several copies of their journals free, but who also frequently insert in their columns lists of "recent additions" to the library.

Staff. In conclusion the Committee desire to express their entire satisfaction with the prompt, conscientious, and thorough manner in which Mr. Barkas and his assistants have performed their duties.

Signed on behalf of the Committee,

J. B. HILDITCH,

Chairman.

July 1st, 1908.

CLASSIFICATION AND NUMBER OF VOLUMES IN THE LIBRARY.

Showing the Increase during the year ended 31st March, 1908.

Class Letter.	Classification of Books in the Lending Library.	No. of Vols. 1906-1907.	No. of Vols. 1907-1908.
A	Theology and Philosophy	1039	1056
B	Biography and Correspondence	2052	2129
C	History, Topography, Voyages, and Travels	2528	2600
D	Law, Politics, Social Economy, &c.	565	595
E	Arts, Sciences, and Natural History	2993	3079
F	Prose Fiction	4499	4620
G	Poetry and Drama	1032	1050
H	Miscellaneous English Literature	957	980
I	Magazines and Reviews	1246	1270
J	Juvenile Literature	848	858
K	Foreign Literature	638	632
		18397	18869
	Petersham Library	483	483
		18880	19352
	Reference Library	**13182**	**13480**
	Total Volumes	**32062**	**32832**

Volumes lost or damaged, and replaced by Borrowers or Guarantors	13
Volumes transferred from Lending Library to Reference Library	6
Volumes withdrawn, being worn out, useless, or duplicate, (88 from Lending Library, and 1 from Reference Library)	89
Volumes lost by default (Lending Library)	6

N.B.—The decrease in Class K, as shown above, is consequent upon the withdrawal of duplicates.

Table showing Total Issues for the twenty-six years and nine months that the Library has been opened.

Year.	Theology and Philosophy.	Biography and Correspondence.	History, Travels, &c.	Law, Politics, &c.	Arts and Sciences.	Fiction.	Poetry and Drama.	Miscellaneous Literature.	Magazines and Reviews.	Juvenile Literature.	Foreign Literature.	Periodicals (Unbound Numbers).	Total Volumes.
1881-82 (9 months only)	1375	2414	5835	281	3523	42535	1351	1729	3245	4656	..	779	67723
1882-83	1356	2190	4960	298	3600	57726	1364	1399	5414	5639	..	1958	85904
1883-84	1104	2332	5206	323	3438	58543	1504	1570	5134	5194	..	2623	86971
1884-85	1143	2136	5120	328	3169	58272	1292	1366	5085	5321	..	2906	86138
1885-86	1416	2474	6291	449	3667	60922	1364	1851	5981	6147	..	4371	94933
1886-87	1394	2647	6141	349	4261	60054	1581	1909	5774	6340	..	3511	93961
1887-88	1331	2818	6569	537	3996	69465	1739	1789	7599	6521	..	3005	105369
1888-89	1366	3078	7453	510	3567	69999	1402	1964	7867	6659	..	3100	106965
1889-90	1185	3370	7561	456	3420	68237	1492	2301	6996	6234	1134	3601	105987
1890-91	1084	3189	5083	403	3267	63408	1559	1741	6659	5574	1324	3782	97073
1891-92	1045	2506	4935	430	3060	62239	1388	1480	5729	3873	1148	3556	91389
1892-93	1146	2690	6035	411	3637	60213	1680	2080	5215	4512	1377	3425	92421
1893-94	1335	3072	5925	531	4300	66622	1775	1934	5053	4741	1318	3592	100198
1894-95 (12 mths & 4 days)	1289	2965	6565	437	4608	71227	1957	1972	5832	5730	1382	3769	107743
1895-96	1423	3113	5018	563	4531	68120	1645	1686	7657	5430	1807	4406	105399
1896-97	1334	2753	5128	576	4894	67203	1763	2278	6760	5126	1645	4686	104146
1897-98	1432	2893	5096	566	5263	64036	1682	2534	5125	4892	1444	4401	99364
1898-99	1243	3361	5529	652	5197	66615	1796	2482	4986	4636	1598	3794	101889
1899-00	945	2795	4979	436	4523	66370	1670	2113	5035	4491	1291	3526	98174
1900-01	1073	2979	5351	471	5124	66924	1748	2048	4756	4908	1244	3427	100053
1901-02	1248	2810	4906	548	5181	65113	1559	1757	3303	4881	1243	3481	96030
1902-03	1418	3137	5317	571	6482	65561	1637	1852	2660	4612	1324	3267	97838
1903-04	1487	4541	6357	1014	8047	64867	2064	2496	2657	4191	1394	3456	102571
1904-05	1505	3977	6660	898	7412	59928	2007	2419	2664	4368	1308	3621	96167
1905-06	1336	3885	5952	958	7711	65706	2159	2413	2703	4379	1189	3466	101857
1906-07	1170	3227	5603	793	7535	60508	1884	1904	2462	4763	1112	3069	94030
1907-08	1280	3566	5404	935	7210	59113	1851	1759	2808	4760	1226	2849	92761
Totals	34463	80918	154379	14724	130623	1709526	44923	52826	135159	138578	25508	91427	2613054

Total Number of Volumes borrowed from the Lending Library 2,404,774
Total Number of Volumes consulted in the Reference Library 208,280

2,613,054

Table of ssues in the Lending Library, 1907-1908.

Month.	No. of days open.	Theology and Philosophy.	Biography and Correspondence.	History, Travels, &c.	Law, Politics, &c.	Arts and Sciences.	Fiction.	Poetry and Drama.	Miscellaneous Literature.	Magazines and Reviews.	Juvenile Literature.	Foreign Literature.	Total Volumes.	Total Borrowers.
April	21	100	217	376	42	501	5507	109	112	204	465	92	7725	7560
May.....	21	69	226	317	36	450	5349	115	95	221	402	88	7368	7190
June	21	71	223	315	31	395	4886	110	73	228	333	95	6760	6602
July.....	19	47	143	195	20	270	3374	56	66	150	257	73	4651	4557
August ..	15	60	123	213	32	263	2713	62	53	112	228	49	3908	3812
September	21	76	182	278	34	413	4569	108	108	170	394	108	6440	6314
October ..	22	123	247	354	45	493	5124	103	133	223	400	122	7367	7184
November	22	112	289	392	66	473	5649	114	126	261	454	116	8052	7873
December	21	80	217	305	52	432	4905	99	103	298	360	86	6937	6783
January ..	22	93	296	365	59	497	5462	84	111	286	436	84	7778	7624
February	21	118	275	418	78	516	5726	143	106	266	509	137	8292	8127
March....	22	111	301	429	95	533	5849	124	117	210	522	128	8419	8257
Totals	248	1065	2739	3957	590	5236	59113	1227	1203	2629	4760	1178	83697[a]	81883

Periodicals issued for Home Reading 2719

a This includes 1529 Volumes issued from the Petersham Branch.

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April	21	27	80	168	14	137	81	46	6	0	559	334
May...	21	24	73	162	17	175	69	48	12	0	580	302
June..	21	10	34	117	51	179	60	39	16	4	510	245
July	19	29	45	98	19	137	38	52	4	1	423	218
August	15	3	35	118	31	119	42	25	12	5	390	234
September	21	10	106	118	22	186	41	78	9	5	575	265
October	22	13	113	129	40	146	56	44	4	4	549	291
November	22	14	77	104	42	280	89	23	18	10	657	337
December	21	32	57	54	28	181	52	27	32	4	467	263
January	22	22	63	112	29	160	17	51	13	4	471	281
February	21	17	77	134	32	151	38	54	36	7	546	309
March.....	22	14	67	133	20	123	41	69	17	4	488	303
Totals.....	248	215	827	1447	345	1974	624	556	131	48	6215	3382

File Volumes of Newspapers and Periodicals consulted 130

Total Issues of Lending and Reference Libraries, 1907-1908.

Month.	No. of days open.	Theology and Philosophy.	Biography and Correspondence.	History, Travels, &c.	Law, Politics, &c.	Arts and Sciences.	Fiction.	Poetry and Drama.	Miscellaneous Literature.	Magazines and Reviews.	Juvenile Literature.	Foreign Literature.	Total Volumes.	Total Borrowers and Readers.	Daily Average of Issues.
April	21	127	297	544	56	638	5507	190	158	210	465	92	8284	7894	394
May ...	21	93	299	479	53	625	5349	184	143	233	402	88	7948	7492	378
June	21	81	257	432	82	574	4886	170	112	244	333	99	7270	6847	346
July	19	76	188	293	39	407	3374	94	118	154	257	74	5074	4775	267
August ..	15	63	158	331	63	382	2713	104	78	124	228	54	4298	4046	286
September	21	86	288	396	56	599	4569	149	186	179	394	113	7015	6579	334
October ..	22	136	360	483	85	639	5124	159	177	227	400	126	7916	7475	360
November	22	126	366	496	108	753	5649	203	149	279	454	126	8709	8210	396
December	21	112	274	359	80	613	4905	151	130	330	360	90	7404	7046	353
January ..	22	120	359	477	88	657	5462	101	162	299	436	88	8249	7905	375
February	21	135	352	552	110	667	5726	181	160	302	509	144	8838	8436	421
March....	22	125	368	562	115	656	5849	165	186	227	522	132	8907	8560	405
Totals	248	1280	3566	5404	935	7210	59113	1851	1759	2808	4760	1226	89912	85265	363

Number of Volumes issued	89,912
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Volumes of Newspapers consulted.....	2,849
	92,761

Daily Average	374
Population in 1908 (estimated).....	34,885
Proportionate issue to each inhabitant	2.65

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To whom Tickets have been issued during the year 1907-08.

AGES.

Under 15	62
15 to 20	289
21 to 30	350
31 to 40	224
41 to 50	163
Above 50	164
Not stated	566
	1,818

RATEPAYERS & NON-RATEPAYERS.

Ratepayers	517
Non-Ratepayers	1,301
	1,818

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Males	830
Females	988
	1,818

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Since the Opening of the Library in 1881.

Borrowers	joined	Lending	Library –	1881-82	3,180
,,	,,	,,	,,	1882-83	1,228
,,	,,	,,	,,	1883-84	2,060
,,	,,	,,	,,	1884-85	1,432
,,	,,	,,	,,	1885-86	1,907
,,	,,	,,	,,	1886-87	1,469
,,	,,	,,	,,	1887-88	1,926
,,	,,	,,	,,	1888-89	1,516
,,	,,	,,	,,	1889-90	1,772
,,	,,	,,	,,	1890-91	1,719
,,	,,	,,	,,	1891-92	1,490
,,	,,	,,	,,	1892-93	1,936
,,	,,	,,	,,	1893-94	1,728
,,	,,	,,	,,	1894-95	1,898
,,	,,	,,	,,	1895-96	1,948
,,	,,	,,	,,	1896-97	1,866
,,	,,	,,	,,	1897-98	1,926
,,	,,	,,	,,	1898-99	1,895
,,	,,	,,	,,	1899-1900	1,809
,,	,,	,,	,,	1900-01	1,992
,,	,,	,,	,,	1901-02	1,747
,,	,,	,,	,,	1902-03	1,962
,,	,,	,,	,,	1903-04	1,957
,,	,,	,,	,,	1904-05	1,950
,,	,,	,,	,,	1905-06	1,894
,,	,,	,,	,,	1906-07	1,819
,,	,,	,,	,,	1907-08	1,818
					49,844
Total cancelled					46,757
Actual number of Tickets in use 31st March, 1908					3,087*

*Of these 2,482 are from Richmond, 293 from Kew, 60 from Petersham, and 252 from North Sheen.

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Dr. **REVENUE**

Income.

To	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d
Surplus at 31st March, 1907				23	19	2
Free Public Library Rate of 1d. in the £ on the whole Borough				1,270	11	10
Borough Fund—For interest and repayment of loans specially charged on Richmond Parish				198	2	3
CENTRAL LIBRARY.						
Library Receipts.						
Fines	77	5	7			
Damaged and Lost Books	2	6	8			
Sale of Catalogues	1	0	0			
Sale of Periodicals	3	7	7			
Sale of Waste Paper	1	9	0			
Bespoke Book Fees	2	14	1			
				88	2	1
Carried forward				£1,580	16	

Year ended 31st March, 1908.

ACCOUNT.

Cr.

Expenditure.

By		£ s. d.	£ s. d.
CENTRAL LIBRARY.			
Salaries and Wages.			
Librarian		230 0 0	
Assistants		247 15 0	
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			544 0 0
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Books, &c. (New)	132 6 0		
Ditto (Replacements) ...	8 5 10		
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		149 19 3	
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		5 15 0	
Binding	77 9 7		
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		173 17 6	
			329 11 9
Printing, Stationery, and Advertisements.			
Printing		17 9 2	
Stationery		12 7 0	
Advertisements		1 4 0	
			31 0 2
Fuel, Light, and Cleaning.			
Coal, Coke, and Wood		16 19 4	
Gas		53 6 0	
Electricity		8 1 10	
Cleaning Materials, &c...		13 1 9	
Wages of Cleaner		16 13 6	
			108 2 5
Furniture and Fittings.			
Picture Frames		2 7 1	
Repairs		25 16 1	
Indicator Books, Frame, &c.		13 6 1	
Portrait		5 5 0	
			46 14 3
Miscellaneous.			
Rates, Taxes, and Insurance		24 3 0	
Postages, Carriage of Parcels, &c.		14 2 4	
Repairs to Buildings		10 5 1	
			48 10 5
Loans, &c.			
Interest and Repayment of Loans—Library..		198 2 3	
Interest and Repayment of Loans—Extension of Library		152 16 4	
			350 18 7
Carried forward ..			£1,458 17 7

Income.

	£	s.	d.
Brought forward	1,580	16	2

To

PETERSHAM BRANCH.

Library Receipts.

Fines	0	10	5		
Sale of Periodicals	0	0	2		
				0	10	7
				£1,581	6	9

ACCOUNT.—*continued.*

Expenditure.

		£	s.	d.
Brought forward		1,458	17	7
By				
PETERSHAM BRANCH.				
Rent &c., of Reading Room	10 0 6			
Newspapers and Magazines	3 17 0			
		13	17	6
		1,472	15	1
Surplus at 31st March, 1908		108	11	8
		£1,581	6	9

BALANCE

31st day of

Dr. **Liabilities.**

To	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Loans.			
Stockholders.			
Balance of Stock			6,590 0 0
Floating Liabilities.			
Revenue Account.			
Sundry Creditors			145 8 7
Balance being excess of Assets.			
Books, &c. purchased out of Revenue	6,860 13 9		
Debt extinguished, &c.	1,360 0 0		
Permanent Works defrayed out of Revenue	1,162 2 1		
Stock Redemption Fund	1,372 4 10		
		10,755 0 8	
Surplus on Revenue Account ...		108 11 8	
			10,863 12 4
			£17,599 0 11

SHEET.

March, 1908.

Capital Outlay and Assets. Cr.

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
By			
Property.			
Site	1,000 0 0		
Buildings, &c.	3,834 18 11		
		4,834 18 11	
Extension : –			
Purchase Money, &c.	3,361 6 11		
Alterations	915 16 3		
		4,277 3 2	
Books, Maps, Pictures, &c. ...		6,860 13 9	
			15,972 15 10
Stock Redemption Fund.			
Investments...		1,294 18 1	
Treasurer		77 6 9	
			1,372 4 10
Floating Assets.			
Revenue Account.			
Treasurer—Cash Balance ...		209 0 3	
Librarian—Imprest		45 0 0	
			254 0 3
			£17,599 0 11

HY. RICHARDS,

BOROUGH ACCOUNTANT.

Borough of Richmond, Surrey.

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Twenty-eighth Annual Report

OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE

RICHMOND PUBLIC LIBRARY.

To the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the Borough of Richmond, Surrey.

GENTLEMEN,

In presenting their 28th Annual Report the Committee have much pleasure in recording the continued success of the Library.

Issues. The returns in the various departments shew an increase of 777 on last year's figures.

The total issues during 1908-9 were 93,538 representing a daily average of 382. The statistics for the past two years are as follows :—

Year.	Days open.	Issues. L.L.	Issues. R.L.	Total both Depts.	Daily Average.
1907-8	248	86,416	6,345	92,761	374
1908-9	245	86,444	7,094	93,538	382

It will be seen from the above table that practically the increase is all in the Reference Library, the Lending Library returns being about the same as last year. The Reference Library issues, however, represent but a small proportion of the books of reference actually issued. Those most frequently consulted, such as Dictionaries, Gazetteers, Encyclopædias, etc., are in open cases free of access, and no record is taken of their use.

Since the opening of the new Reference Room in May, 1906, the issues in the Reference Department have been steadily increasing, but the Committee are not satisfied that the use made of the Reference Library is nearly so great as it might and should be. Students and teachers generally speaking do not seem alive to the many advantages offered them by this department with its extensive selection of works of reference on almost every subject,

That the issues in the Lending Library have remained stationary is not to be wondered at, seeing that for some years past this department has been without a complete catalogue. This deficiency, however, has now been supplied by the recent publication of a complete up-to-date catalogue.

It is interesting to note that the issues in the Lending Department shew a decrease in the Fiction and bound Magazines sections, accompanied by a proportionate increase in the following classes:—Biography, History, Voyages and Travels, Law, Politics, Social Economy, Arts, Sciences, and Belles-Lettres.

Catalogues. The new edition of the Lending Library Catalogue referred to in last year's Report, was published on the 17th of June.

The work was much needed as the stock of books had increased by nearly 2,000 volumes since the appearance of the Supplementary Catalogue in 1902, and by over 7,000 volumes since the 4th Edition was issued in 1897.

The book, which is demy 8vo. in size, consists of 664 pages, and deals with nearly 20,000 volumes representing some 40,000 entries.

It is very desirable that users of the Library should purchase this Catalogue, as it is a considerable help to the reader in selecting, and to the assistants in rapidly supplying the books required.

The Reference Library Catalogue which is in MS., and in the form known as the "Sheaf-system," represents a collection of some 13,800 valuable and interesting volumes and pamphlets. It is kept written up to date, and is always to be found in a state of strict alphabetical sequence of author and subject. Any books in the Lending Library (except Fiction) may be obtained for use in the Reference Library, but they must be given up if required for lending out.

Borrowers. The number of borrowers to whom Lending Library tickets were issued during the past year was 1,761 as compared with 1,818 the previous year. The actual number of tickets in use on the 31st of March, 1909, was 3,024. Of these 2,449 were in Richmond, 249 in Kew, 47 in Petersham, and 279 in North Sheen.

Overdue Books. The fines paid during the year for the detention of books beyond the time allowed for home reading produced £72 1s. 0d. as compared with £77 5s. 7d. last year, whilst 606 circulars were sent out for the return of overdue books.

Additions to Stock. There have been added to the Library 990 volumes, of which 675 have been placed in the Lending Department and 315 on the Reference Shelves. Of these, 744 volumes were purchased by the Committee, the remaining 246 having been presented. Deducting 141 volumes withdrawn from circulation as worn-out and useless, there is left a total of 33,681 in the Library, a net increase of 849 on the year, and a total increase of 24,757 since the publication of the First Annual Report in June, 1882.

The following table shews the additions in the several classes of literature :—

Class		
A.	Theology and Philosophy	39
B.	Biography and Correspondence	65
C.	History, Topography, Voyages, and Travels	70
D.	Law, Politics, and Social Economy	33
E.	Arts (including Music), Sciences and Natural History	246
F.	Prose Fiction	132
G.	Poetry and Drama	18
H.	Miscellaneous Literature	25
I.	Magazines and Reviews	23
J.	Juvenile Literature	16
K.	Foreign Literature	8
R.L.	Reference Library	315
		990

Of the volumes purchased during the year 12 per cent. are works of Fiction, costing £21. On more serious books the sum of £131 was expended.

The additions to the local collection of Books and Pictures, though not so numerous as last year, have been valuable and interesting. They include :—

Five Manuscript Deeds dating from 1655 to 1740. *Purchased by the Committee.*

Large photograph of an oil painting by J. H. Muntz, *c.* 1755, representing a view from Richmond Hill. *Presented by Councillor A. Chancellor, J.P.*

The importance and value of this department of the Library have been alluded to in previous reports, and the Committee again appeal for gifts of a local character. In doing so they would quote from a work entitled, "A Manual for Readers," by A. W. Robertson,

M.A., formerly Librarian of the Aberdeen Public Library. The Author says :—

> "It is one of the objects of the Reference Department to collect and preserve copies of all publications, maps, plans, pictorial illustrations, and similar literature which help to throw light on the history, topography, and personal associations of the town and district."
>
> "Many of these publications take the form of pamphlets and other ephemeral publications, which being generally regarded as of little value are apt to pass out of sight."
>
> "Nevertheless, each of these unconsidered trifles has some interest and value for the purposes just mentioned, while of not a few of them it may be said that they come, and that often sooner than anyone could have forseen, to have a value beyond estimate to future enquirers. It is highly desirable, therefore, that at least one copy of everything of the nature indicated should be deposited in the Public Library."

Lloyd Collection. In their last Report the Committee drew attention to a gift of an extensive and valuable collection of local pre-historic stone and bronze implements known as the "Lloyd Collection." This collection has now been located in a special room. Museum cases have been made and the various objects are being properly classified, arranged, and tabulated by an expert. The collection will shortly be ready for exhibition.

News Room. The News Room is frequented as much as ever and is the most used of all the departments, the tables and stands being often crowded. This room is provided with 23 daily, 124 weekly, 93 monthly, and 13 quarterly papers and periodicals. In addition to these the Reference Room is supplied with 31 periodicals. Of the above, 151 are presented, the remaining 133 are purchased by the Committee.

There is also in the News Room an open cabinet of 72 reference books to which readers have unrestricted access. A similar open cabinet of 402 volumes is located in the Reference Room.

Stocktaking. A noteworthy feature of the year's work is the Librarian's report that at the Annual Stocktaking in August last, after an issue of about 93,000 volumes, only one work (a novel valued at 3/-) was unaccounted for, and only two works (a novel, and a bound volume of a monthly magazine valued at 8/-) were lost by default, *i.e.*, in the hands of readers who have left the town, and whose whereabouts cannot be traced.

The Committee regret, however, to state that in January last, 9 volumes valued at 50/- were stolen from the open shelves in the Reference Room. Three of the volumes were subsequently found in a local pawnbroker's shop, but disfigured in such a way as to make their identification as Library books difficult except to the Library officials. A number of other Libraries in London and the district suffered similar experiences about the same time, which seems to prove that an organised raid was going on.

In view of these losses, and the fact of the growing use that is being made of the Reference Library, the Committee have appointed an extra assistant and have arranged for an official to be always in attendance in the Reference Room.

Petersham Branch. The Committee from time to time have considered the gradual falling off in the use made of the Branch at Petersham. In July, 1908, the issues on the two exchange evenings were only 13 per evening, the average attendance being 9·7. The attendances per evening for the remaining four evenings when the room was open as a news room averaged 1·7. It was decided to close the room as a reading room after August 31st, 1908, but to give the delivery station a further trial. In March, 1909, the number of books issued shewed a further diminution, and that out of 60 Petersham borrowers on the Library books only 17 used the room, 10 of whom were young people. The Committee came to the conclusion that the Branch was not really needed and decided to close it altogether on and after May 1st, 1909.

Donations. The Committee take this opportunity of thanking all who have kindly furthered the interests of the Library by gifts of books or otherwise. A list of donors of books, papers and periodicals will be found on pages 15-18 of this Report.

Resignations. By the retirement from the Town Council of Messrs. J. H. Alabaster, R. F. Gibb, and R. H. Nichols, the Committee have lost the services of three valued colleagues.

The Committee have also to record the resignation of Alderman C. B. Edgar who, through pressure of other work for the County and Borough, found it necessary to retire from the Committee. Mr. Edgar, who was a member of the Committee for 15 years, 7 of which he was Chairman, always manifested the greatest interest in the welfare and progress of the Library, and his co-operation was of the highest value.

Staff. The Committee have again the pleasure of testifying to the satisfactory manner in which the Librarian and his Staff have discharged their important duties. The arduous task of compiling the New Catalogue of the Lending Library has been most ably and carefully carried out by Mr. Barkas. Its publication, now accomplished, reflects great credit upon him and upon all who assisted him in the work.

Signed on behalf of the Committee,

J. B. HILDITCH.

June 30th, 1909.

CLASSIFICATION AND NUMBER OF VOLUMES IN THE LIBRARY.

Showing the Increase during the year ended 31st March, 1909.

Class Letter.	Classification of Books in the Lending Library.	No. of Vols. 1907-1908.	No. of Vols. 1908-1909.
A	Theology and Philosophy	1056	1095
B	Biography and Correspondence	2129	2196
C	History, Topography, Voyages, and Travels	2600	2661
D	Law, Politics, Social Economy, &c.	595	627
E	Arts, Sciences, and Natural History	3079	3321
F	Prose Fiction	4620	4537
G	Poetry and Drama	1050	1068
H	Miscellaneous English Literature	980	1005
I	Magazines and Reviews	1270	1239
J	Juvenile Literature	858	1004
K	Foreign Literature	632	635
		18869	19388
	Petersham Library	483	483
		19352	19871
	Reference Library	**13480**	**13810**
	Total Volumes	**32832**	**33681**

Volumes lost or damaged, and replaced by Borrowers or Guarantors 16
Volumes transferred from Lending Library to Reference Library.. 24
Volumes withdrawn, being worn out, useless, or duplicate, (132 from Lending Library, and 9 from Reference Library) 141
Volumes lost by default (Lending Library) 2

N.B.—The decrease in Classes F and I, as shown above, is consequent upon the withdrawal of duplicates, re-classification, and the transfer of volumes.

Table showing Total Issues for the twenty-seven years and nine months that the Library has been opened.

Year.	Theology and Philosophy.	Biography and Correspondence.	History, Travels, &c.	Law, Politics, &c.	Arts and Sciences.	Fiction.	Poetry and Drama.	Miscellaneous Literature.	Magazines and Reviews.	Juvenile Literature.	Foreign Literature.	Periodicals (Unbound Numbers).	Total Volumes.
1881-82 (9 months only)	1375	2414	5835	281	3523	42535	1351	1729	3245	4656	..	779	67723
1882-83	1356	2190	4960	298	3600	57726	1364	1399	5414	5639	..	1958	85904
1883-84	1104	2332	5206	323	3438	58543	1504	1570	5134	5194	..	2623	86971
1884-85	1143	2136	5120	328	3169	58272	1292	1366	5085	5321	..	2906	86138
1885-86	1416	2474	6291	449	3667	60922	1364	1851	5981	6147	..	4371	94933
1886-87	1394	2647	6141	349	4261	60054	1581	1909	5774	6340	..	3511	93961
1887-88	1331	2818	6569	537	3996	69465	1739	1789	7599	6521	..	3005	105369
1888-89	1366	3078	7453	510	3567	69999	1402	1964	7867	6659	..	3100	106965
1889-90	1185	3370	7561	456	3420	68237	1492	2301	6996	6234	1134	3601	105987
1890-91	1084	3189	5083	403	3267	63408	1559	1741	6659	5574	1324	3782	97073
1891-92	1045	2506	4935	430	3060	62239	1388	1480	5729	3873	1148	3556	91389
1892-93	1146	2690	6035	411	3637	60213	1680	2080	5215	4512	1377	3425	92421
1893-94	1335	3072	5925	531	4300	66622	1775	1934	5053	4741	1318	3592	100198
1894-95 (12 mths & 4 days)	1289	2965	6565	437	4608	71227	1967	1972	5832	5730	1382	3769	107743
1895-96	1423	3113	5018	563	4531	68120	1645	1686	7657	5430	1807	4406	105399
1896-97	1334	2753	5128	576	4894	67203	1763	2278	6760	5126	1645	4686	104146
1897-98	1432	2893	5096	566	5263	64036	1682	2534	5125	4892	1444	4401	99364
1898-99	1243	3361	5529	652	5197	66615	1796	2482	4986	4636	1598	3794	101889
1899-00	945	2795	4979	436	4523	66370	1670	2113	5035	4491	1291	3526	98174
1900-01	1073	2979	5351	471	5124	66924	1748	2048	4756	4908	1244	3427	100053
1901-02	1248	2810	4906	548	5181	65113	1559	1757	3303	4881	1243	3481	96030
1902 03	1418	3137	5317	571	6482	65561	1637	1852	2660	4612	1324	3267	97838
1903-04	1487	4541	6357	1014	8047	64867	2064	2496	2657	4191	1394	3456	102571
1904-05	1505	3977	6060	898	7412	59928	2007	2419	2664	4368	1308	3621	96167
1905-06	1336	3885	5952	958	7711	65706	2159	2413	2703	4379	1189	3466	101857
1906-07	1170	3227	5603	793	7535	60508	1884	1904	2462	4763	1112	3069	94030
1907-08	1280	3566	5404	935	7210	59113	1851	1759	2808	4760	1226	2849	92761
1908-09	1163	3827	5614	1170	7403	58639	1833	2111	2028	5725	1277	2748	93538
Totals	35626	84745	159993	15894	138026	1768165	46756	54937	137187	144303	26785	94175	2706592

Total Number of Volumes borrowed from the Lending Library 2,491,218
Total Number of Volumes consulted in the Reference Library 215,374

2,706,592

Table of Issues in the Lending Library, 1908-1909.

Month.	No. of days open.	Theology and Philosophy.	Biography and Correspondence.	History, Travels, &c.	Law, Politics, &c.	Arts and Sciences.	Fiction.	Poetry and Drama.	Miscellaneous Literature.	Magazines and Reviews.	Juvenile Literature.	Foreign Literature.	Total Volumes.	Total Borrowers.
April	19	63	279	397	81	456	5353	113	110	191	549	96	7688	7553
May.....	22	83	276	335	59	448	5645	105	89	181	487	95	7803	7653
June	21	81	243	303	51	398	4506	72	100	128	401	86	6369	6273
July.....	22	44	175	258	59	325	3888	80	83	107	323	67	5409	5333
August ..	11	37	87	137	34	184	2177	30	42	55	217	49	3049	3017
September	22	90	274	291	70	443	4783	79	109	142	517	90	6888	6798
October ..	22	113	277	378	82	505	5362	141	145	149	575	95	7822	7708
November	21	81	240	380	74	520	5312	111	123	142	548	79	7610	7508
December	20	68	216	303	53	361	4588	100	111	186	443	79	6508	6430
January ..	22	76	281	369	74	538	5725	126	112	199	529	121	8150	8044
February	20	95	283	376	75	547	5373	100	110	181	534	101	7775	7652
March....	23	127	365	471	67	610	5927	137	129	199	602	186	8740	8592
Totals	245	958	2996	3998	779	5335	58639	1194	1263	1860	5725	1064	83811*a*	82561

Periodicals issued for Home Reading 2633

a This includes 893 Volumes issued from the Petersham Branch.

Table of Issues in the Reference Library, 1908-1909.

Month.	No. of days open.	Theology and Philosophy.	Biography and Correspondence.	History, Travels, &c.	Law, Politics, &c.	Arts and Sciences.	Poetry and Drama.	Miscellaneous Literature.	Magazines and Reviews.	Foreign Literature.	Total Volumes.	Total Readers.
April	19	19	41	102	27	140	35	50	11	5	430	259
May...	22	19	65	96	22	176	72	250	21	5	726	304
June..	21	13	44	116	20	137	52	14	5	4	405	200
July	22	16	43	95	58	149	52	44	13	11	481	291
August	11	7	69	144	16	101	23	48	5	31	444	292
September	22	27	65	173	30	160	87	78	15	71	706	464
October	22	23	66	126	47	189	62	37	12	14	576	409
November	21	12	139	165	45	189	43	40	6	12	651	489
December	20	8	84	109	32	114	37	80	28	27	519	382
January	22	4	56	152	30	216	38	45	10	9	560	374
February	20	19	90	160	21	238	46	53	30	15	672	413
March.....	23	38	69	178	43	259	92	109	12	9	809	567
Totals.....	245	205	831	1616	391	2068	639	848	168	213	6979	4444

File Volumes of Newspapers and Periodicals consulted 115

Total Issues in Lending and Reference Libraries, 1908-1909.

Month.	No. of days open.	Theology and Philosophy.	Biography and Correspondence.	History, Travels, &c.	Law, Politics, &c.	Arts and Sciences.	Fiction.	Poetry and Drama.	Miscellaneous Literature.	Magazines and Reviews.	Juvenile Literature.	Foreign Literature.	Total Volumes.	Total Borrowers and Readers.	Daily Average of Issues.
April	19	82	320	499	108	596	5353	148	160	202	549	101	8118	7812	427
May	22	102	341	431	81	624	5645	177	339	202	487	100	8529	7957	388
June	21	94	287	419	71	535	4506	124	114	133	401	90	6774	6473	323
July	22	60	218	353	117	474	3888	132	127	120	323	78	5890	5624	268
August ..	11	44	156	281	50	285	2177	53	90	60	217	80	3493	3309	318
September	22	117	339	464	100	603	4783	166	187	157	517	161	7594	7262	345
October ..	22	136	343	504	129	694	5362	203	182	161	575	109	8398	8117	382
November	21	93	379	545	119	709	5312	154	163	148	548	91	8261	7997	393
December	20	76	300	412	85	475	4588	137	191	214	443	106	7027	6812	351
January ..	22	80	337	521	104	754	5725	164	157	209	529	130	8710	8418	396
February	20	114	373	536	96	785	5373	146	163	211	534	116	8447	8065	422
March....	23	165	434	649	110	869	5927	229	238	211	602	115	9549	9159	415
Totals	245	1163	3827	5614	1170	7403	58639	1833	2111	2028	5725	1277	90790	87005	371

Number of Volumes issued	90,790
Unbound Numbers of Periodicals and File Volumes of Newspapers consulted.....	2,748
	93,538

Daily Average	382
Population in 1909 (estimated).....	35,415
Proportionate issue to each inhabitant	2.64

CLASSIFICATION OF BORROWERS

To whom Tickets have been issued during the year 1908-09.

Ages.	
Under 15	55
15 to 20	306
21 to 30	382
31 to 40	232
41 to 50	160
Above 50	167
Not stated	459
	1,761

Ratepayers & Non-Ratepayers.	
Ratepayers	500
Non-Ratepayers	1,261
	1,761

Sexes.	
Males	792
Females	969
	1,761

TOTAL NUMBER OF BORROWERS

Since the Opening of the Library in 1881.

Borrowers joined Lending Library—	1881-82	3,180
,, ,, ,, ,,	1882-83	1,228
,, ,, ,, ,,	1883-84	2,060
,, ,, ,, ,,	1884-85	1,432
,, ,, ,, ,,	1885-86	1,907
,, ,, ,, ,,	1886-87	1,469
,, ,, ,, ,,	1887-88	1,926
,, ,, ,, ,,	1888-89	1,516
,, ,, ,, ,,	1889-90	1,772
,, ,, ,, ,,	1890-91	1,719
,, ,, ,, ,,	1891-92	1,490
,, ,, ,, ,,	1892-93	1,936
,, ,, ,, ,,	1893-94	1,728
,, ,, ,, ,,	1894-95	1,898
,, ,, ,, ,,	1895-96	1,948
,, ,, ,, ,,	1896-97	1,866
,, ,, ,, ,,	1897-98	1,926
,, ,, ,, ,,	1898-99	1,895
,, ,, ,, ,,	1899-1900	1,809
,, ,, ,, ,,	1900-01	1,992
,, ,, ,, ,,	1901-02	1,747
,, ,, ,, ,,	1902-03	1,962
,, ,, ,, ,,	1903-04	1,957
,, ,, ,, ,,	1904-05	1,950
,, ,, ,, ,,	1905-06	1,894
,, ,, ,, ,,	1906-07	1,819
,, ,, ,, ,,	1907-08	1,818
,, ,, ,, ,,	1908-09	1,761
		51,605
Total cancelled		48,581
Actual number of Tickets in use 31st March, 1909		3,024*

*Of these 2,449 are from Richmond, 249 from Kew, 47 from Petersham, and 279 from North Sheen.

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For the Year ended 31st March, 1909.

Dr. **REVENUE**

Income.

To	£ s. d.	£ s. d
Surplus at 31st March, 1908		108 11
Free Public Library Rate of 1d. in the £ on the whole Borough		1,248 11
Borough Fund—For interest and repayment of loans specially charged on Richmond Parish		198 2
CENTRAL LIBRARY.		
Library Receipts.		
Fines	72 1 0	
Damaged and Lost Books	3 2 6	
Sale of Catalogues	0 13 0	
Sale of Periodicals	9 11 10	
Sale of Waste Paper	1 13 9	
Bespoke Book Fees	2 10 9	
		89 12 10
Carried forward		£1,644 17 9

Year ended 31st March, 1909.

ACCOUNT.

Cr.

Expenditure.

By		£ s d.	£ s. d.
CENTRAL LIBRARY.			
Salaries and Wages			
Librarian		230 0 0	
Assistants		228 12 6	
Porter		65 0 0	
			523 12 6
Books, Papers, &c.			
Books, &c. (New)	142 18 1		
Ditto (Replacements) ...	0 8 3		
Subscription for Volumes on Loan	14 3 6		
Local Views, Prints, &c. ...	3 4 6		
		160 14 4	
Subscriptions to—			
Surrey Archæological Society	0 10 0		
Harleian Society	2 2 0		
Library Association	1 1 0		
Surrey Parish Register Society	1 1 0		
National Home Reading Union	1 1 0		
		5 15 0	
Binding	45 16 5		
Magazines	64 11 5		
Newspapers	34 2 0		
		144 9 10	
			310 19 2
Printing, Stationery, and Advertisements.			
Printing		15 19 3	
Stationery		11 12 10	
Advertisements		0 4 0	
			27 16 1
Fuel, Light, and Cleaning.			
Coal, Coke, and Wood		17 0 8	
Gas		52 18 4	
Electricity		7 18 0	
Cleaning Materials, &c		10 14 5	
Wages of Cleaner		19 2 10	
			107 14 3
Furniture and Fittings.			
Picture Frames		0 9 6	
Repairs		26 5 0	
Indicator Books, &c.		3 18 4	
Museum Cases		29 5 6	
			59 18 4
Miscellaneous.			
Rates, Taxes, and Insurance		20 9 11	
Postages, Carriage of Parcels, &c.		14 16 3	
Repairs to Buildings		32 12 4	
Uniforms		4 18 9	
			72 17 3
Loans, &c.			
Interest and Reyayment of Loans—Library		198 2 3	
Interest and Repayment of Loans—Extension of Library		152 16 4	
			350 18 7
Carried forward			£1,453 16 2

Income.

	£	s.
Brought forward	1,644	17

To

PETERSHAM BRANCH.

Library Receipts.

Fines	0	7
	£1,645	4

CCOUNT.—*continued.*

Expenditure.

		£	s.	d.
	Brought forward	1,453	16	2
By				

PETERSHAM BRANCH.

nt, &c., of Reading Room	10	10	0			
wspapers and Magazines	1	12	5			
pairs	1	7	9			
				13	10	2
				1,467	6	4
Surplus at 31st March, 1909				177	18	5
				£1,645	4	9

BALANCE

31st day o

Dr.	Liabilities.								
To	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d
Loans.									
Stockholders.									
Balance of Stock							6,590	0	
Floating Liabilities.									
Revenue Account.									
Sundry Creditors							128	18	
Balance being excess of Assets.									
Books, &c. purchased out of Revenue	7,006	16	4						
Debt extinguished, &c.	1,360	0	0						
Permanent Works defrayed out of Revenue	1,162	2	1						
Stock Redemption Fund	1,567	16	3						
				11,096	14	8			
Surplus on Revenue Account ...				177	18	5			
							11,274	13	
							£17,993	11	

SHEET.

March, 1909.

Capital Outlay and Assets.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
By		Cr.
Property.		
Site	1,000 0 0	
Buildings, &c.	3,834 18 11	
		4,834 18 11
Extension :—		
Purchase Money, &c...	3,361 6 11	
Alterations	915 16 3	
		4,277 3 2
Books, Maps, Pictures, &c.		7,006 16 4
		16,118 18 5
Stock Redemption Fund.		
Investments	1,412 18 8	
Treasurer	154 17 7	
		1,567 16 3
Floating Assets.		
Revenue Account.		
Treasurer—Cash Balance	261 17 1	
Librarian—Imprest	45 0 0	
		306 17 1
		£17,993 11 9

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OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE

Richmond Public Library.

To the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the Borough of Richmond, Surrey.

GENTLEMEN,

In submitting their 29th Annual Report, the Committee are glad to present a satisfactory statement as regards the continued popularity and usefulness of the Library.

Issues. The total issues during the year 1909-10 were 95,006, an increase of 1,468 on the previous year's returns. The statistics for the past 4 years are as follows :—

Year.	Days Open.	Issues. L.L.	Issues. R.L.	Total. Both Depts.	Daily Average.
1906-7	243	88,258	5,772	94,030	387
1907-8	248	86,416	6,345	92,761	374
1908-9	245	86,444	7,094	93,538	382
1909-10	242	88,234	6,772	95,006	393

The following interesting features connected with the book-issues are worthy of note.

For several years there has been a steady decline in the demand for fiction in favour of books of a more serious character.

During the past year the percentage of fiction issued is 61 on the total returns, representing the smallest issue in this class for the past 27 years, notwithstanding the fact that the issues generally have gone up.

The increases in the other classes are most marked in Theology and Philosophy ; Law, Politics, and Social Economy ; Arts (including Music), Sciences, and Natural History ; these being the highest on record since the Library was established over 28 years ago.

The Committee are doing what they can to encourage reading of a more intellectual character, and the results would seem to show that the local public are appreciating their efforts in this direction.

On April 1st, 1910, the Committee arranged to issue additional tickets to students, available for classes of literature other than fiction. Any duly enrolled borrower may obtain one of these extra tickets upon filling up a student's application form. Up to the present time 209 of these tickets have been issued There is no doubt that as the privilege becomes more widely known the demand will increase.

The Subscription scheme in connection with W. H. Smith & Sons, adopted by the Committee in 1908, which enables readers to have the use of 50 volumes of the best works in modern popular literature, other than fiction, has proved so successful that the subscription has been increased to allow of an additional 50 volumes. These books are placed in a special case on the counter, so that the public can see at a glance what works are available.

A further inducement to solid reading has been the placing of a special glazed book-case in the Reference Room. This case contains the most recent additions to the Reference Department, thus enabling readers to inspect the newest books of reference as added.

The issues in the Reference Library amount to 6,772, a slight decrease of 322 volumes, but the actual number of persons applying for books shows an increase of 313.

As stated in previous reports these figures must not be taken as representing the whole use made of this department. The most frequently consulted books of reference are those on the open shelves and no application form is required. The Committee are satisfied that the use made of the Reference Library generally is steadily increasing.

Borrowers. The number of borrowers to whom Lending Library tickets were issued during the past year was 1,893 as compared with 1,761 the previous year, an increase of 132. The actual number of tickets in use on the 31st of March, 1910, was 3,127. Of these 2,537 were in Richmond, 262 in Kew, 34 in Petersham, and 294 in North Sheen.

For the convenience of those who take books out for home-reading, the Committee decided to stamp the date of issue in the volumes when handed to the borrower. It is believed that the public will appreciate this innovation, especially in view of the introduction of the dual ticket system already referred to.

Overdues. The fines paid by borrowers during the year for the detention of books beyond the time allowed for home reading, realised £68 9s. 10d., a decrease of £3 11s. 2d. upon last year's amount. Circulars to the number of 671 were sent out for the return of overdue books, being 65 more than in the previous year.

Additions to Stock. There have been 1,414 additions to the Library, of which 339 have been placed in the Lending Department, and 1,075 on the Reference Library shelves. Of these, 702 were purchased, 521 were presented, and the remaining 191 were transferred from stock. Deducting the collection of 483 books located in the Petersham Reading Room, and handed back to the British and Foreign School Society when the room was closed in May, 1909, also the 417 volumes withdrawn from circulation as worn out and useless, there is left a total of 34,195 volumes in the Library, a net increase of 514 in the year and a total increase of 25,271 since the publication of the first Annual Report in June, 1882.

The 1,075 additions to the Reference Library include the following items relating to Richmond and District :—386 volumes and pamphlets, 7 manuscripts, 194 views, and 73 maps and plans.

During the two years that the new Catalogue of the Lending Library was being compiled and seen through the Press, these local items were allowed to accumulate. After the Catalogue was published, in June 1909, the Librarian dealt especially with the Local Collection, and the Committee are able to report that this department is now catalogued up to date. The Local Collection

consists of 2,755 volumes and pamphlets, 8 manuscripts, 238 views, and 107 maps and plans. It also includes a photographic survey of Richmond, Kew, and Petersham, consisting of some 953 photographs of streets and buildings, and other interesting objects, many of which have now disappeared. In addition may be mentioned 197 portraits of local celebrities. This collection is likely to develop into one of great importance and value, and the Committee are desirous of making it as complete as possible. They will be grateful if those who happen to possess books, manuscripts, prints, etc., relating to the history of Richmond and district would either present such works to the Library, or give the Committee the opportunity of acquiring them by purchase.

Local Museum. The "Lloyd Collection" of local pre-historic stone and bronze implements referred to in the last Annual Report was opened to the general public on Wednesday, September 1st, 1909.

The collection is on view every Wednesday for 6 hours and can be seen at any other time on application.

The attendances up to the present have been small, the average each Wednesday being 15, but the Committee hope that as the collection grows and gets better known the interest of the public will increase, and the attendances will improve.

Objects of local interest are added to the Museum from time to time. Among other gifts to this room during the past year have been the following :—

Tudor Overdoor (probably a relic of the Old Palace) ; presented by Mr. J. Gazeley.

Late Neolithic Knife Dagger (found in the Thames at Kew) ; presented by Mr. P. J. Crooke.

Carved Stone Head (supposed to have come from the Old Palace) : presented by the Messrs. Long.

Repairs and Binding. The Stock as a whole is in a much better condition than it has been for some years.

Special attention was given to the replacement of books considered too dilapidated or soiled for further use. The number of volumes so replaced was 293 at a cost of £29 18s. 11d.

Special attention was also given to binding. The brisk circulation of books in the Lending Library necessarily involves considerable wear and tear in this department, as evidenced by the fact that during the past year 846 volumes were bound or resewn, whilst about 2,400 were repaired by the members of the staff. The binding account amounted to £68 0s. 0d., or £22 3s. 7d. more than last year.

News Room and Reference Room. The Committee are pleased to say that the Librarian reports most favourably upon the general conduct observed in the Library, both as regards the order kept by the visitors, and the care of the readers for the books, papers, and other property. Considering the frequently crowded state of the rooms this is very satisfactory.

The news room is provided with 24 daily, 122 weekly, 96 monthly, and 15 quarterly papers and periodicals, and 22 time tables. There is also an open cabinet of 72 reference books, to which readers have unrestricted access.

The Reference Room is supplied with 35 periodicals, and one end of the room is occupied with open shelves containing some 413 works of reference which are free of access. The trouble with reference to the thefts from these open shelves, alluded to in last year's Report, has ceased, the arrangements made, for an official always to be in attendance in the room, having had the desired effect.

Stocktaking. The Library was closed in August last for the usual annual stocktaking and cleaning, when the books were carefully checked with the Stock Book. It is very satisfactory to report that with an issue of over 95,000 volumes, there were only two volumes valued at 3s. 3d., which could not be accounted for, viz.:—Zilpha, by Jackson, value 1s., and Desperate Remedies, by Hardy, value 2s. 3d. Two volumes and two magazines, valued at 11s. 4d. were lost by default, *i.e.*, in the hands of readers who have left the town, and whose whereabouts cannot be traced.

Donations. A list of those who have presented books, papers and periodicals, etc., appears on pages 15—18 of this Report, but special mention should be made of the legacy of £5, bequeathed by the late William Gordon Smythies, Esq., "as a

slight return for the pleasure and advantage which he derived from his use of the Library." The Committee take this opportunity of thanking the various donors for the aid thus rendered, and at the same time would gratefully acknowledge the courteous and valuable support given them by the newspaper proprietors of the town, who not only supply regularly several copies of their journals free, but also from time to time insert in their columns lists of "Recent Additions" to the Library.

Staff.

The Committee have much pleasure in recording their appreciation of the manner in which the duties of the Librarian and the Staff have been carried out during the past year.

Signed on behalf of the Committee,

J. B. HILDITCH.

June 29th, 1910.

CLASSIFICATION AND NUMBER OF VOLUMES IN THE LIBRARY.

Showing the Increase during the year ended 31st March, 1910.

Class Letter.	Classification of Books in the Lending Library.	No. of Vols. 1908-1909.	No. of Vols. 1909-1910.
A	Theology and Philosophy	1095	1113
B	Biography and Correspondence	2196	2240
C	History, Topography, Voyages, and Travels	2661	2705
D	Law, Politics, Social Economy, &c.	627	639
E	Arts, Sciences, and Natural History	3321	3399
F	Prose Fiction	4537	4610
G	Poetry and Drama	1068	1093
H	Miscellaneous English Literature	1005	1010
I	Magazines and Reviews	1239	1264
J	Juvenile Literature	1004	1019
K	Foreign Literature	635	635
		19388	19727
	Petersham Library	483	
		19871	
	Reference Library	**13810**	**14468**
	Total Volumes	**33681**	**34195**

Volumes lost or damaged, and replaced by Borrowers or Guarantors	10
Volumes transferred from Lending Library to Reference Library	7
Volumes withdrawn, being worn out, useless, or duplicate, (7 from Lending Library, 410 from Reference Library, and 483 from Petersham Library)	900
Volumes lost by default (Lending Library)	5

Table showing Total Issues for the twenty-eight years and nine months that the Library has been opened.

Year.	Theology and Philosophy.	Biography and Correspondence.	History, Travels, &c.	Law, Politics, &c.	Arts and Sciences.	Fiction.	Poetry and Drama.	Miscellaneous Literature.	Magazines and Reviews.	Juvenile Literature.	Foreign Literature.	Periodicals (Unbound Numbers).	Total Volumes.
1881-82 (9 months only)	1375	2414	5835	281	3523	42535	1351	1729	3245	4656	..	779	67723
1882-83	1356	2190	4960	298	3600	57726	1364	1399	5414	5639	..	1958	85904
1883-84	1104	2332	5206	323	3438	58543	1504	1570	5134	5194	..	2623	86971
1884-85	1143	2136	5120	328	3169	58272	1292	1366	5085	5321	..	2906	86138
1885-86	1416	2474	6291	449	3667	60922	1364	1851	5981	6147	..	4371	94933
1886-87	1394	2647	6141	349	4261	60054	1581	1909	5774	6340	..	3511	93961
1887-88	1331	2818	6569	537	3996	69465	1739	1789	7599	6521	..	3005	105369
1888-89	1366	3078	7453	510	3567	69999	1402	1964	7867	6659	..	3100	106965
1889-90	1185	3370	7561	456	3420	68237	1492	2301	6996	6234	1134	3601	105987
1890-91	1084	3189	5083	403	3267	63408	1559	1741	6659	5574	1324	3782	97073
1891-92	1045	2506	4935	430	3060	62239	1388	1480	5729	3873	1148	3556	91389
1892-93	1146	2690	6035	411	3637	60213	1680	2080	5215	4512	1377	3425	92421
1893-94	1335	3072	5925	531	4300	66622	1775	1934	5053	4741	1318	3592	100198
1894-95 (12 mths & 4 days)	1289	2965	6565	437	4608	71227	1967	1972	5832	5730	1382	3769	107743
1895-96	1423	3113	5018	563	4531	68120	1645	1686	7657	5430	1807	4406	105399
1896-97	1334	2753	5128	576	4894	67203	1763	2278	6760	5126	1645	4686	104146
1897-98	1432	2893	5096	566	5263	64036	1682	2534	5125	4892	1444	4401	99364
1898-99	1243	3361	5529	652	5197	66615	1796	2482	4986	4636	1598	3794	101889
1899-00	945	2795	4979	436	4523	66370	1670	2113	5035	4491	1291	3526	98174
1900-01	1073	2979	5351	471	5124	66924	1748	2048	4756	4908	1244	3427	100053
1901-02	1248	2810	4906	548	5181	65113	1559	1757	3303	4881	1243	3481	96030
1902-03	1418	3137	5317	571	6482	65561	1637	1852	2660	4612	1324	3267	97838
1903-04	1487	4541	6357	1014	8047	64867	2064	2496	2657	4191	1394	3456	102571
1904-05	1505	3977	6060	898	7412	59928	2007	2419	2664	4368	1308	3621	96167
1905-06	1336	3885	5952	958	7711	65706	2159	2413	2703	4379	1189	3466	101857
1906-07	1170	3227	5603	793	7535	60508	1884	1904	2462	4763	1112	3069	94030
1907-08	1280	3566	5404	935	7210	59113	1851	1759	2808	4760	1226	2849	92761
1908-09	1163	3827	5614	1170	7403	58639	1833	2111	2028	5725	1277	2748	93538
1909-10	1522	3736	6557	1254	8235	58118	1909	2091	2273	5619	1292	2400	95006
Totals	37148	88481	166550	17148	146261	1826283	48665	57028	139460	149922	28077	96575	2801598

Total Number of Volumes borrowed from the Lending Library 2,579,452
Total Number of Volumes consulted in the Reference Library 222,146

Table of Issues in the Lending Library, 1909-1910.

Month.	No. of days open.	Theology and Philosophy.	Biography and Correspondence.	History, Travels, &c.	Law, Politics, &c.	Arts and Sciences.	Fiction.	Poetry and Drama.	Miscellaneous Literature.	Magazines and Reviews.	Juvenile Literature.	Foreign Literature.	Total Volumes.	Total Borrowers.
April	19	94	239	315	60	415	4974	108	97	197	496	80	7075	6965
May.....	21	74	226	328	52	431	4855	102	98	181	425	114	6886	6780
June	22	107	243	356	61	448	4843	119	111	144	488	112	7032	6890
July.....	21	81	185	308	57	437	3958	84	87	80	351	86	5714	5617
August ..	12	47	114	186	40	290	2244	37	48	59	233	20	3318	3277
September	21	102	230	427	77	554	4591	102	99	137	510	115	6944	6830
October ..	22	127	272	542	88	651	5450	125	124	204	514	126	8223	8106
November	22	105	291	554	101	621	5390	137	137	187	477	123	8123	7996
December	20	98	272	403	86	556	4969	89	103	188	526	102	7392	7294
January ..	22	146	316	536	112	569	5676	131	147	245	540	102	8520	8394
February	20	113	315	566	96	584	5550	121	116	224	500	124	8309	8174
March....	20	147	278	525	88	594	5618	139	143	198	559	120	8409	8258
Totals	242	1241	2981	5046	918	6150	58118	1294	1310	2044	5619	1224	85945	84581

Periodicals issued for Home Reading 2289

Table of Issues in the Reference Library, 1909-1910.

Month.	No. of days open.	Theology and Philosophy.	Biography and Correspondence.	History, Travels, &c.	Law, Politics, &c.	Arts and Sciences.	Poetry and Drama.	Miscellaneous Literature.	Magazines and Reviews.	Foreign Literature.	Total Volumes.	Total Readers.
April	19	36	71	113	12	183	61	64	6	20	566	398
May...	21	15	91	165	38	143	43	83	8	4	590	388
June..	22	54	74	165	30	140	58	81	21	1	624	442
July	21	27	60	221	35	143	24	58	2	14	584	404
August	12	44	50	136	7	87	29	23	7	1	384	272
September	21	21	97	132	33	167	69	96	13	3	631	457
October	22	5	77	112	37	246	31	46	46	2	602	410
November	22	13	34	85	28	200	49	45	45	3	502	357
December	20	17	53	66	25	172	55	53	12	2	455	335
January	22	10	51	100	28	179	50	55	22	5	500	355
February	20	22	49	105	34	234	71	80	36	9	640	496
March.....	20	17	48	111	29	191	75	97	11	4	583	447
Totals.....	242	281	755	1511	336	2085	615	781	229	68	6661	4761

File Volumes of Newspapers and Periodicals consulted 111

Total Issues in Lending and Reference Libraries, 1909-1910.

Month.	No. of days open.	Theology and Philosophy.	Biography and Correspondence.	History, Travels, &c.	Law, Politics, &c.	Arts and Sciences.	Fiction.	Poetry and Drama.	Miscellaneous Literature.	Magazines and Reviews.	Juvenile Literature.	Foreign Literature.	Total Volumes.	Total Borrowers and Readers.	Daily Average of Issues.
April	19	130	310	428	72	598	4974	169	161	203	496	100	7641	7363	402
May	21	89	317	493	90	574	4855	145	181	189	425	118	7476	7168	356
June	22	161	317	521	91	588	4843	177	192	165	488	113	7656	7332	348
July	21	108	245	529	92	580	3958	108	145	82	351	100	6298	6021	300
August ..	12	91	164	322	47	377	2244	66	71	66	233	21	3702	3549	308
September	21	123	327	559	110	721	4591	171	195	150	510	118	7575	7287	361
October ..	22	132	349	654	125	897	5450	156	170	250	514	128	8825	8516	401
November	22	118	325	639	129	821	5390	186	182	232	477	126	8625	8353	392
December	20	115	325	469	111	728	4969	144	156	200	526	104	7847	7629	392
January ..	22	156	367	636	140	748	5676	181	202	267	540	107	9020	8749	410
February	20	135	364	671	130	818	5550	192	196	260	500	133	8949	8670	447
March....	20	164	326	636	117	785	5618	214	240	209	559	124	8992	8705	450
Totals	242	1522	3736	6557	1254	8235	58118	1909	2091	2273	5619	1292	92606	89342	383

Number of Volumes issued	92,606
Unbound Numbers of Periodicals and File Volumes of Newspapers consulted.....	2,400
	95,006

Daily Average	393
Population in 1910 (estimated).....	36,493
Proportionate issue to each inhabitant	2.63

CLASSIFICATION OF BORROWERS.

To whom Tickets have been issued during the year 1909-10.

Ages.	
Under 15	56
15 to 20	319
21 to 30	390
31 to 40	240
41 to 50	151
Above 50	199
Not stated	538
	1,893

Ratepayers & Non-Ratepayers.	
Ratepayers	530
Non-Ratepayers	1,363
	1,893

Sexes.	
Males	84
Females	1,04
	1,893

TOTAL NUMBER OF BORROWERS.

Since the Opening of the Library in 1881.

Borrowers joined Lending Library—1881-82	3,180
,, ,, ,, ,, 1882-83	1,228
,, ,, ,, ,, 1883-84	2,060
,, ,, ,, ,, 1884-85	1,432
,, ,, ,, ,, 1885-86	1,907
,, ,, ,, ,, 1886-87	1,469
,, ,, ,, ,, 1887-88	1,926
,, ,, ,, ,, 1888-89	1,516
,, ,, ,, ,, 1889-90	1,772
,, ,, ,, ,, 1890-91	1,719
,, ,, ,, ,, 1891-92	1,490
,, ,, ,, ,, 1892-93	1,936
,, ,, ,, ,, 1893-94	1,728
,, ,, ,, ,, 1894-95	1,898
,, ,, ,, ,, 1895-96	1,948
,, ,, ,, ,, 1896 97	1,866
,, ,, ,, ,, 1897-98	1,926
,, ,, ,, ,, 1898-99	1,895
,, ,, ,, ,, 1899-1900	1,809
,, ,, ,, ,, 1900-01	1,992
,, ,, ,, ,, 1901-02	1,747
,, ,, ,, ,, 1902-03	1,962
,, ,, ,, ,, 1903-04	1,957
,, ,, ,, ,, 1904-05	1,950
,, ,, ,, ,, 1905-06	1,894
,, ,, ,, ,, 1906-07	1,819
,, ,, ,, ,, 1907-08	1,818
,, ,, ,, ,, 1908-09	1,761
,, ,, ,, ,, 1909-10	1,893
	53,498
Total cancelled	50,371
Actual number of Tickets in use 31st March, 1910	3,127*

* Of these 2,537 are from Richmond, 262 from Kew, 34 from Petersham, and 294 from North Sheen.

Tickets are only available for two years, after which they must be renewed.

DONORS OF BOOKS, &c.

	VOLS.
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Anderson, Mr. J. E., Mortlake	1
Anonymously presented, 6 vols. and 3 pamphlets	
Australia, Commonwealth of, 2 vols. and 5 pamphlets	
Australia, South, Agent General for	3
Barnett, Mrs., Richmond	1
Beard, Mr. H., Richmond, local plan	
Bingham, Mr. F. T., Richmond	2
Bishop, Mrs. G., Richmond	1
Booth, Mr. B.	1
British Museum, Trustees of the	16
Canada, Director of Experimental Farms, Report and 4 pamphlets	
Canada, Director of Mines, 2 vols. and 4 pamphlets	
Canada, Geological Survey of, Report, 6 vols., 1 pamphlet and various maps	
Canada, Superintendent of Emigration for	1
Carnegie, Mr. A.	1
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Casson, Mr. H. N.	1
Chancellor, Councillor A., J.P., Richmond, 1 vol. and 1 local pamphlet	
Christ Scientist, First Church of, Richmond	1
Church, Sir A. H., M.A., F.R.S., Kew Gardens	1
Church, Rev. A. J., M.A., Richmond	5
Church Emigration Society, Report	
Clayton, Mr. E. G., Richmond, 8 vols. and 1 pamphlet	
Collins, Mr. F. A., Richmond, various architectural plates	
Commons and Footpaths Preservation Society, Reports	
Coupland, Mr. W. C.	1
Crooke, Mr. P. J., Kew, late Neolithic knife dagger (found in the Thames at Kew)	
Deane, Mr. A. B.	2
Dimbleby and Sons, Messrs., Richmond	7
Dublin University, Calendar and Examination Papers	3
Durham University, Calendar	1
Ealing and Hanwell Year Book, Publishers of	1
East End Emigration Fund, Report	
East India Association, 2 pamphlets	
Edgar, Alderman C. B., J.P., Richmond	7
Emigrants' Information Office, Handbooks	
Evans, Mr. J. M., 1 pamphlet	
Evans, Mr. R., 3 pamphlets	
Forman, Mr. A. C., Twickenham	23
Gazeley, Mr. J., Richmond, Tudor over-door	
Gellatly, Mr. E., Richmond	2
Hall, Rev. W., M.A.	1
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Hobson, Mrs., Richmond	3
Homeland Association, Ltd.	1
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Hopley, Miss C. C., Kew, various pamphlets	
Huggins, Sir William, K.C.B.	1
Insurance Directory, Publisher of	2
Jannaway, Mr. F. G., 1 pamphlet	
Kew, Royal Gardens, Director of, 1 vol. and 3 pamphlets	
Lawrence, Sir E. D., Bart.	1

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Birmingham. Ilford. Wigan.

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Lloyd, Mr. H., Richmond, various years of the Richmond and Twickenham Times	
London County Council, 2 vols. and 5 pamphlets	
London County Council School of Photo-Engraving and Lithography, Report	
London Directory Co., Ltd.	3
London Publicity Co.	1
London University Guide and Calendar, Editor of	1
Long, Messrs., Richmond, Carved stone head (supposed to have come from the Old Palace)	
Masters, Miss, Richmond	8
Mather and Crowther, Ltd., Messrs.	1
Maxwell, Mrs., Richmond	21
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Neville, Mr. A. J., Chiswick Times for the year 1909	
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Free Church	
Girls, Association for care of	
Holy Trinity Church	
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Nursing Association	
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Sailing Club	
St. John the Divine Church	
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Thames Valley Operatic Society	
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Union, Annual Statement and Parochial Lists	
University Extension Society	
West Shene Cricket Club	
Young Women's Christian Association	
Richmond, Virginia, Confederate Museum, 1 pamphlet	
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Smith, Mr. Councillor Capel, Richmond, Programme, etc., of Richmond Festivities, March 10th, 1863	
Smith's Advertising Agency	1
Smithsonian Institution, Report and 4 pamphlets	
Stationery Office, London	27
Stigand, Mr. W.	2
Surrey, Photographic Survey and Record of, Report	
Taylor, Councillor Dr. M. H., J.P., Richmond, pike-head used in the Irish Rebellion of 1798	
Teachers, National Union of, Report	
Theosophical Society	1
Tonic Sol-fa College, Calendar	
Town and Country Directories, Ltd.	1
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Zoological Society of London	1

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For the Year ended 31st March, 1910.

Dr. **REVEN**

Income.

To	£ s. d.	£ s
Surplus at 31st March, 1909		177 1
Free Public Library Rate of 1d. in the £ on the whole Borough		1,242 1
Borough Fund——For interest and repayment of loans specially charged on Richmond Parish		198
Library Receipts.		
Fines	69 10 10	
Damaged and Lost Books	1 14 3	
Sale of Catalogues	21 8 3	
Sale of Periodicals	7 0 9	
Sale of Waste Paper	2 17 11	
Bespoke Book Fees	2 1 10	
Donations	5 0 0	
		109 1
New Catalogue —Advertisements		31
		1,759
Deficiency at 31st March, 1910		34
		£1,793

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Expenditure.

By		£ s. d.	£ s. d.
aries and Wages.			
Librarian		244 19 11	
Assistants..		246 8 6	
Porter		71 10 0	
			562 18 5
ks, Papers, &c.			
Books, &c. (New)	111 5 4		
Ditto (Replacements) ..	29 18 11		
Subscription for Volumes on Loan	14 0 6		
Local Views, Prints, &c ..	5 7 6		
		160 12 3	
Subscriptions to—			
Surrey Archæological Society	0 10 0		
Harleian Society	2 2 0		
Library Association	1 1 0		
National Home Reading Union	0 10 6		
		4 3 6	
Binding	68 16 8		
Magazines..	71 7 0		
Newspapers	28 15 1		
		168 18 9	
			333 14 6
ting, Stationery, and Advertisements			
Printing		18 9 3	
Stationery		16 0 8	
Advertisements		0 2 9	
			34 12 8
Catalogue.			
Printing		248 9 6	
Commission on Advertisements		6 5 0	
			254 14 6
, Light, and Cleaning.			
Coal, Coke, and Wood		14 7 6	
Gas..		61 18 8	
Electricity		8 12 7	
Cleaning Materials, &c.		8 15 0	
Wages of Cleaner		17 7 6	
			111 1 3
niture and Fittings.			
Picture Frames		5 3 4	
Repairs and Shelving		20 5 0	
Indicator Books, &c.		1 15 3	
Museum Cases, Cabinets, &c...		25 8 10	
			52 12 5
ellaneous.			
Rates, Taxes, and Insurance		25 0 2	
Postages, Carriage of Parcels, &c.		16 4 11	
Repairs to Buildings		31 7 4	
Cataloguing and arranging Lloyd Collection		10 10 0	
Arranging and naming Collection of Shells		3 0 0	
			86 2 5
s, &c.			
Interest and Repayment of Loans—Library		198 2 3	
Interest and Repayment of Loans— Extension of Library		152 16 4	
Stock Management Expenses		6 18 0	
			357 16 7
			£1,793 12 9

BALANC

31st day

Dr.	Liabilites.								
To	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.
Loans.								
Stockholders.								
Balance of Stock							6,590	(
Floating Liabilities.								
Revenue Account.								
Sundry Creditors							149	8
Balance being excess of Assets.								
Books, &c., purchased out of Revenue	6,962	6	8					
Debt extinguished, &c.	1,360	0	0					
Permanent Works defrayed out of Revenue	1,162	2	1					
Stock Redemption Fund	1,769	5	11					
				11,253	14	8		
Less Deficiency on Revenue Account				34	3	1		
							11,219	1
							£17,958	1

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rch, 1910.

Capital Outlay and Assets.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
		Cr.
rty.		
Site...	1,000 0 0	
Buildings, &c.	3,834 18 11	4,834 18 11
Extension :—		
Purchase Money, &c.	3,361 6 11	
Alterations	915 16 3	4,277 3 2
Books, Maps, Pictures, &c.		6,962 6 8
Redemption Fund...		1,769 5 11
ing Assets.		
evenue Account.		
Treasurer—Cash Balance	70 5 3	
Librarian—Imprest	45 0 0	115 5 3
		£17,958 19 11

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